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THE ECKLER FAMILY OF THE MOHAWK VALLEY

Five generations of the descendants of
Hendrick and Margaret (Young) Eckler of
Canajoharie and Warren, New York

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P R E F A C E

One of the questions that every writer of a family history must answer is: How much material can be included in the book? The goal, of course, is to include the whole family, from earliest ancestor to the most recent generation; however, limitations in time and money often make this goal unattainable, and the author must make some sort of compromise. With a family as large as the Ecklers, which produced nearly five hundred persons in the first five generations, both of these above limitations are important.

The solution that I have decided upon is to prepare a preliminary history, giving the first five generations of the Eckler family, and indicating the names and addresses of present-day Ecklers under the names of their parents or grandparents listed in the final generation. Since most people know something of their parents or grandparents, it is a reasonably simple task to find out where one "ties in" with earlier generations. In order that this preliminary history might be made available quickly and at a reasonable cost, I have had the booklet mimeographed rather than printed.

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It is hoped that this preliminary history will stimulate interest in the family among other Eckler descendants. The most detailed biographies are in the earlier generations (from 1711 to about 1830); since less is known about the early settlers than about their present-day descendants, the older material will have more general interest. I am writing this genealogy now so that the facts on these early generations may be preserved, publicized, and, I hope, criticized. If this booklet brings the family to the attention of those people who can correct or add to the information contained in the following pages, it will have served its purpose.

I have presented very few of the historical details of the eighteenth-century mass emigration from Germany to Pennsylvania and New York. An understanding of this historical background is very useful in studying the origins of the Eckler family; however, this booklet does not have room to include it. Walter Knittle's "Early Eighteenth Century Palatine Emigration", 1936, is an excellent report on the emigration. Sanford H. Cobb's "The Story of the Palatines: An Episode in Colonial History", 1897, is not so complete as Knittle's book, but it is much easier reading. For an account of the life of the Mohawk Valley settlers before and during the Revolution, no historical work can come close to the readability and general interest of Edmond's novel "Drums Along the Mohawk".

Like all other Mohawk Valley genealogies, this booklet is incomplete. The lack of pre-Revolutionary records makes it exceptionally difficult to piece together the first two or three generations of a Mohawk Valley family. The family historian's task -- collecting information from a wide variety of sources and piecing it together like a jig-saw puzzle to form a clear picture of the family -- is difficult enough when there is an abundance of written records. But when many of the records which the early settlers kept have been destroyed by subsequent fires or Indian raids, it becomes almost impossible to

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give a complete picture of these early settlers' families. Despite missing lines, many Eckler descendants should be able to trace themselves back to the pioneer, Hendrick Eckler, with the aid of this booklet.

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With this for your background, I invite you to read on and learn something new about your ancestors and family.

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THE ORIGINS OF THE ECKLER FAMILY

German or Holland Dutch?

During the study of the origins of the Eckler family, one question has repeatedly arisen: are the Ecklers German or Holland Dutch? To answer this question, one must examine the evidence on both sides.

There are three facts which suggest that the Ecklers are of German origin. First, a professional genealogist in Holland wrote to the author that he had no record of any Dutch family named Eckler in his files, and added that "no doubt the name is of German origin". Second, the Eckler family settled in the Mohawk Valley, at that time a frontier settlement composed almost entirely of Germans or German descendants, rather than in the more convenient Holland Dutch settlement around New York City; this choice of location strongly suggests that they came from Germany. Third, there has always been much confusion between the Germans and the Dutch because the German word for "German" is deutsch. The confusion exists today in the terminology "high Dutch" and "low Dutch", actually referring to Germans rather than to Holland Dutch.

On the other side of the question, two or three county histories explicitly state that the Ecklers were Holland Dutch. The fact that these county histories are often unreliable on early facts casts doubt upon the accuracy of these statements. It is possible that the compilers of the county histories, or the people they interviewed for biographical sketches, were misled by the similarity of the words Dutch and deutsch.

Another argument in favor of Hendrick's Holland Dutch ancestry is the spelling of his first name. "Hendrick" is the Dutch spelling; "Heinrich" is the German equivalent.

In view of the above facts, it is reasonable to assume that the Ecklers are of German origin. The question is not settled, however, and more conclusive evidence may yet be found.

The Ancestry of Hendrick Eckler

There are two tenable theories concerning the ancestry of Hendrick Eckler (family 1), the progenitor of the Eckler family of the Mohawk Valley.

The first theory is based upon the ship-records of German immigrants in Volumes 42-44 of Strassburger's "Pennsylvania German Pioneers". According to these records, the ship "Loyal Judith" sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, in the spring of 1732, with a load of Germans from the upper Rhine Valley. The ship stopped briefly at Cowes, England, and landed at Philadelphia on September 25, 1732. Among the passengers who disembarked was Johan Hendrick Eckler, aged twenty-one years.

There is a very strong possibility that this man is Hendrick Eckler of the Mohawk Valley. Within a month, the age is correct; furthermore, the name is correct ("Johan" was often used as a prefix). The date of landing, seven years before the earliest appearance of Hendrick Eckler in the Mohawk Valley, fits in well with the theory. "Eckler" was an extremely uncommon name among the German immigrants landing at Philadelphia; Johan Hendrick is the only one in the more than 35,000 names listed by Strassburger.

There are, however, a couple of points which this theory cannot cover. In the first place, the Mohawk Valley is more than two hundred miles from Philadelphia, a long trip in the eighteenth century. Although many Palatine Germans did make the trip, there is no record showing where Johan Hendrick went after landing at Philadelphia. In the second place, the early ship-records are incomplete. In addition to Philadelphia, German immigrants landed at New York City and Baltimore; it is entirely possible that the progenitor of the Eckler family came through one of these ports instead.

The second theory of Eckler ancestry places the Ecklers in the original 1709-10 emigration of Germans from the German Palatinate (a region along the upper Rhine river, not far from the Belgian and French borders) to England and New York State. Among the 9,000 Germans who emigrated to England in 1709 was Christian Egler, aged twenty-eight, a mason and stone-cutter by occupation. With him was a son (aged two) and three daughters (aged eight, seven, and four). Although only 3,000 of the Germans who reached England in 1709 sailed to New York the following year, the following records show that Christian made the trip. Christian Aigler was on Governor Hunter's Ration Lists from June, 1710, to September, 1714 (these Ration Lists were established for destitute German settlers in the Hudson Valley, New York). The Kocherthal Records (vital records of the early Hudson Valley settlers, kept until 1719 by Reverend Joshua Kocherthal) give the following information:

"Christian, child of Andreas and Anna Rosina Ellig, citizen of Newtown, baptized March 28, 1711. Sponsor, Christian Aigler.

Andreas, child of Christian and Maria Eva Aigler, baptized April 8, 1711. Sponsor, Andreas Ellig."

Unfortunately, there are no connecting links to indicate that this Christian Egler (or Aigler) was the father of Hendrick Eckler of the Mohawk Valley. All one can say is that there was a Christian Egler with a wife and family in the Hudson Valley around 1715. One can point to a similarity of names between Christian Egler's family and the descendants of Hendrick Eckler: Hendrick had a daughter Maria, two granddaughters Maria, two granddaughters Eva, and one grandson Christian. However, name-similarity alone is seldom enough to establish an ancestral line.

Although the first theory of ancestry is somewhat stronger than the second, neither theory is conclusive. The lack of records before 1750 in New York State will make the verification of either theory difficult.

Other Eckler Families

There are several other families of Ecklers, apparently unrelated to the Mohawk Valley Ecklers, in the United States.

One of the largest groups of Ecklers lives in Greene County, N.Y., along the Hudson River; despite their proximity to the Mohawk Valley Ecklers, no relationship has been discovered. One of the earliest members of this family is John Eckler of Catskill, N.Y., who was born about 1759 and served in the Revolution. This Eckler family may be descended from Christian Egler of the Hudson Valley (see previous section).

Another group of Ecklers, living in Ohio today, descends from Frederick Agler, who moved from Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, to Ohio about 1810. No connection has been discovered between this family and the Mohawk Valley Ecklers.

In addition to these two groups of Ecklers, there are isolated families of this name in Pennsylvania, New York, Kentucky, California, and many other states.

Names

The name Eckler is derived from the German word Ecke, meaning "corner". "Die Deutschen Familiennamen" (German Family Names), published in 1933, states that the name Eckler means "one who lives on a small corner". Although one can only guess at the origins of names, it is possible that the first "Eckler" lived on a village corner or at a country crossroads. One small country crossroads in Warren Township, Herkimer County, N.Y., is locally known as "Eckler's Corners".

The Ackler family of the Mohawk Valley descends from Leonard Eckler or Ackler, the youngest son of Hendrick. Leonard changed the spelling of the family name to Ackler (for details, see family 7); his descendants retained this variation. Besides the two most important spellings, Eckler and Ackler, the name has been spelled in a number of different ways: Ecklar, Eckeler, Ekler, Acler, Echkler, Ackley, Eccles, Ecler, Aclaer, Acer, Eggler, and Eckles. Many of these variations, undoubtedly the fault of careless or semi-literate recorders, turn up in early church and census records. To complicate matters further, the records of the Ecker family, an entirely separate Palatine German family in the Mohawk Valley, often become confused with the records of the Ecklers.

HOW TO USE THE BOOKLET

Although the system used in arranging the Eckler families in this booklet is quite simple, the following explanation should help the reader to make the best use of it.

Let's look at one of the family biographies in the booklet. On page 37, we find the following:

"60. THOMAS ECKLER (John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Thomas was born in Stark Township on September 4, 1815....

Children:
124. i. Mary Jane, b. October 5, 1837.
125. ii. George, b. January 7, 1842.
126. iii. Harrison, b. November 10, 1843.
iv. Thomas Franklin, b. January 18, 1847. He died January 8, 1848.
v. Benjamin Frank, b. December 13, 1849. He died April 7, 1852."

The number 60, to the left of Thomas's name, is his family number; Thomas's family is the sixtieth one to appear in this booklet. Thomas's ancestry appears to the right of his name; by reading the names in the parentheses, we find that Thomas's father was John Eckler, whose family number is 21, his grandfather was Peter Eckler, whose family number is 6, and his great-grandfather was Hendrick Eckler, whose family number is 1. To find out more about Thomas's father, John, we turn back until we find family number 21 on page 21.

If, on the other hand, we wish to find out more about Thomas's children, we look at the Arabic numerals opposite their names (the Roman numerals i., ii., iii., etc., indicate the order of birth). For example, we see the number 124 opposite Mary Jane Eckler's name. If we wish to find out more about her and her family, we turn to family number 124, which appears on page 59.

The ancestral line of a descendant of Hendrick Eckler who does not bear the Eckler name is somewhat different. Again we illustrate, from page 29:

"35. MARY ANN FETTERLY (Margretha (Eckler) Fetterly-10, Henry-2, Hendrick-1)."

The maiden name of Mary Ann Fetterly's mother, Margretha, is given in the inner parentheses. The ancestral line tells us that she was an Eckler before marrying a man named Fetterly. Her family number is 10.

THE ECKLER FAMILY

OF THE MOHAWK VALLEY

1. HENDRICK ECKLER. The ancestor of the Mohawk Valley Eckler family was born October 16, 1711, place unknown. He married Margaret Jung (Young) in 1738; she was born November 14, 1716. Hendrick died in the Mohawk Valley between 1790 (when he was listed in the first census report) and 1794 (when Margaret sponsored a baptism with Conrad House). Margaret died just before her eighty-sixth birthday, on October 24, 1802. It is not known where this couple is buried; probably they are buried in or near Warren Township, Herkimer County.

Although lack of records makes the determination of Margaret Young's ancestry difficult, it is believed that she was the daughter of Theobald and Maria Catharine Young. Theobald came to America in the 1710 emigration of Germans from the Palatinate; he and his family were living near Hendrick Eckler at Canajoharie, N.Y. in the late 1730s. For further details on the Young family, see Clifford Young's "The Young (Jung) Families of the Mohawk Valley," 1947. It is interesting to note that Margaret's name was spelled "Gangin" in the Bible record -- a misinterpretation of the German feminine form "Jungin."

Hendrick Eckler was naturalized on September 11, 1761; his name is recorded in Volume 4 of "Colonial Laws." The Naturalization Act, passed in 1715, indicated that only foreign-born settlers had to be naturalized; this fact suggests that Hendrick was born in Germany rather than in America, lending support to the theory that he emigrated to America in 1732.

Hendrick was living in the vicinity of Canajoharie, N.Y. in 1739 (the earliest record of his appearance in the Mohawk Valley). At that time, Canajoharie was a large area along the south bank of the Mohawk, including the present towns of Canajoharie and Fort Plain, and most of present-day Minden and Canajoharie Towhships, Montgomery County. Hendrick and Margaret raised a family of ten at Canajoharie, setting the style for the many large Eckler families which were to follow.

About 1767, Hendrick and his family, his son Henry, his son-in-law Michael Snyder, and Jacob Haberman moved about fifteen miles south and settled on a tract of land lying in present-day Warren Township, Herkimer County and Springfield Township, Otsego County. This area, located near the source of Otsquago Creek, is locally known as the Chyle (also spelled Kyle, Ehuyle, Chuyl; pronounced "kile").*

The four families mentioned above bought two hundred acres of land at the Chyle from Andreas Young, son of Theobald Young, on February 2,

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* The name Chyle is derived from a depression, or hole in the ground into which a stream disappears; the Indian name for this phenomenon was Theogsowone. The Chyle-hole, a hemispherical depression about seventy-five feet across, may be seen today from a nearby road.

1767; the price of the land was five British shillings. Theobald and Andreas Young had been granted 14,000 acres of land south of German Flats by King George II of England in 1752, and had been living on their land-patent since that time. The land around the Chyle was known as Youngsfield before the Revolution, in recognition of Theobald's early residence near there. The original deed for the Chyle land is reported to be in the possession of the Van Hornesville Central School.

One month before the original deed for the Chyle land was drawn up, Hendrick Eckler and his children entered into another legal transaction. The document recording the transaction, known as the "Bond of the Five High Dutchmen," was dated January 6, 1767. According to this paper, Hendrick Eckler, Hendrick Eckler Jr., Michael Snyder, Jacob Haberman, and Dewalt (Theobald) Young borrowed 150 British pounds from Peter Ganesvoort of Albany, N.Y. Probably Hendrick and the others borrowed the money so that they could buy the many necessary things with which to begin farming on their two hundred acres at the Chyle; it is not surprising that they had to go fifty miles to Albany, then the largest town in the Mohawk Valley, in order to borrow the money.

Hendrick Eckler served in the French and Indian War; he was a sergeant in Captain Jacob Klock's milita company. This company was called out from July 24 to July 28, 1763, in response to an Indian raid at Burnetsfield (German Flats). It is not known whether Hendrick was a soldier in the Revolution; he was sixty-five at the start of the war. He may have served as a guard at the forts along the river, but it is unlikely that he went out with any of the raiding or scouting parties.

Hendrick was living at the Chyle at the time of the 1790 census; one male over sixteen (Hendrick himself) and two females (Margaret, -----) were living in his household at the time.

Many of the facts about Hendrick's family were obtained from his family Bible, preserved for two hundred years. This valuable book is now in the possession of one of the descendants of Leonard Eckler, the youngest son of Hendrick.

Children:

2. i. Henry, b. August 11, 1739.
   ii. Maria C., b. November 13, 1740. She died August 4, 1743.
   iii. John, b. October 12, 1742. He died August 8, 1743. It is quite likely that these two children died of the same illness.
   iv. Christopher, b. August 12, 1744. In Reverend Sommer's Register of Baptisms Performed at Cani-scohare and Stein Raby, 1743-1750, is the following:
   > "Johan Christoph, born at Cani-scohare, 12 August 1744, baptized 21 August 1744. Parents Henrich Eckler and Margareta Eckler. Sponsors ( ) Jung and his wife Margaretta Jung."

3. v. Elizabeth, b. September 17, 1746.
4. vi. Christopher, b. December 25, 1748.
5. vii. John, b. June 24, 1751.
6. viii. Peter, b. July 2, 1754.
   ix. Jacob, b. October 30, 1757. Nothing further is known about this child. Probably he died in infancy, or in the war.
7. x. Leonard, b. May 22, 1760.

SECOND GENERATION

2. HENRY ECKLER (Hendrick-1). Henry, the eldest son of Hendrick, was born at the Mohawk River on August 11, 1739. He married Christina (v) November 27, 1764. Her maiden name is unknown; it is believed to have been either Springer or Shaul. She was born in October, 1746. Henry served as a Captain in the N.Y.Milita during the Revolutionary War, and died March 3, 1820. Christina died at the advanced age of ninety-four on January 21, 1841; she lived to see the birth of one of her great-great-grandchildren (Norman Eckler, on January 29, 1839). Henry and Christina are buried in the Squak Cemetery in Stark Township, Herkimer County.*

Henry Ecklér is almost certainly the most noted member of the Mohawk Valley Ecklers. By virtue of his position, a Captain in the milita during the Revolution, he acquired local prominence during and after the war. Nearly all of the Herkimer County histories carry accounts of his life or references to his war service. For several years after the Revolution, nearly every Eckler family had a son named Henry. Out of seven Henry Ecklers born between 1793 and 1811, Captain Henry and Christina sponsored at least four.

Henry attended school in Canajoharie. On April 29, 1760, Henry enlisted in Captain Christopher Yates' milita company of Albany County (then including the whole Mohawk Valley). According to the muster rolls, he was twenty years old, a laborer by occupation, was born "at the Mohawk River," and was five feet, eight inches tall. The records of the French and Indian War indicate that Henry Eckler was a private in Captain Jacob Klock's milita company. This company was called out on July 24, 1763, in response to an Indian raid at Burnetsfield (German Flats).

Henry settled at the Chyle with his father in 1767, a couple of years after he married Christina. His original homestead was located only a short distance from the Chyle-hole. When Otsego and Herkimer Counties were formed from Montgomery County in 1791, it was found that the Herkimer-Otsego boundary-line ran through his house. This unfortunate circumstance has complicated all subsequent records of the Chyle settlement Ecklers -- some records are in Otsego County, others in Herkimer. Henry's homestead was successively occupied by son John Eckler, grandson John Eckler, and great-grandson Lester Eckler; today it is owned by Henry's great-great-great-great-grandson, Floyd Wagner. The house in which Floyd lives is still cut by the county line.

Henry Eckler entered the Revolution as a private; he served in the 1st Regiment of Tryon County Milita, commanded by Col. Samuel Campbell. On May 18, 1776, he was appointed a Captain in the Tryon County Milita; the original commission is now in the possession of his great-great-great-granddaughter, Mrs. Owen Bowman of Ilion, N.Y. He

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* Pronounced "squawk," the word Squak is a corruption of the Indian word Otsquago, the name of a nearby creek that flows into the Mohawk River at Fort Plain.

commanded a milita company at the Chyle; among its members were his brothers Christopher, Peter, and Leonard. The following papers of Captain Henry are of interest:

"Little Falls, April 20, 1777.

"You are to have your company unto arms on the 2d day of this instant 10 o'clock in the forenoon. You are to give four men out of your company either volunteer or by draft. They are to march to Fort Schuyler with good arms and catoymans. They shall be discharged by the first troops that come from Albany. They shall have Continental pay. They are to be at the house of Capt. Staring on the 2d day of this inst. at 10 o'clock, in forenoon.

Peter Bellinger Col."

"To Capt Eckler Youngsfield

Little Falls, October 5th, 1777.

"Sir you are hereby ordered to draft your company 11 men in order to practice them that with the army. With three days provisions be at Col. Fisher's on Tuesday the seventh of this instant with ( ).

Peter Bellinger, Col.

Sir you know what ammunition they must have."

There are a number of stories in existence about individual incidents in Captain Henry's Revolutionary service. Although some of them are probably exaggerated, they are of considerable interest.

Many of these stories are concerned with the relationship between Captain Henry and Joseph Brant, the noted Indian chieftain (for further details, consult William L. Stone's "Life of Joseph Brant," 1838). In the 1870s, the historian Lyman C. Draper, then collecting material on Joseph Brant, wrote a number of Captain Henry's descendants in an effort to find out more about the Eckler-Brant relationship. The letters that the Ecklers wrote back, now on file at the State Historical Society in Madison, Wisconsin, contain a wealth of information on the early Ecklers. Therefore, Captain Henry's friendship with Brant was indirectly responsible for the preservation of many Eckler records.

According to one of the stories, Henry and Joseph attended school together in Canajoharie. For sport, they used to wrestle; Henry almost always won the fall. A short time before the Revolution, Brant met Henry at the Chyle and remarked,"You used to throw me when we wrestled at school, but you can't do it now." They went to the barn and Henry again threw Brant, who then admitted that Henry was the better man.

When the Revolution broke out, Brant unsuccessfully tried to persuade Henry to join the British forces. One source suggests that Brant did not destroy the Chyle settlement during the early years of the war because he hoped to win Captain Henry and his neighbors over to the side of the British. Two facts tend to support this view. In the first place, the Chyle settlement, lying fifteen miles from the forts along the river, was one of the outlying settlements in the Mohawk Valley, most vulnerable to an Indian attack during the war. In

the second place, it was conveniently located on an old Indian trail. Although the neighboring settlements of Andrustown, Cherry Valley, Conradtown, Springfield, and Weaver were all destroyed during the early years of the war, the Chyle was left unharmed until 1781.

In the summer of 1776, Captain Henry and his company marched down to Unadilla, N.Y., where General Herkimer and Joseph Brant held a peace-conference. According to Beers' Herkimer County history, Captain Henry was selected to kill Brant should Brant show any treachery. "As the conference was amicable, Captain Eckler was saved the terrible ordeal of sending his schoolmate to his final home."

Captain Henry's company fought at the battle of Oriskany Creek in August, 1777. In the early part of the war, he helped transport boats from the Mohawk River to Otsego Lake. After moving the boats overland to the head of Weaver's Lake by ox-drawn sleighs, he built a dam at the outlet of Young's Lake (Weaver's Lake and Young's Lake are the present-day Little Lakes at Warren, N.Y.). This backed the water up into Weaver's Lake, so that he could move the boats down to the dam. He then opened the dam; this provided enough water to float the boats down to Lake Otsego.

At the time Brant and his forces were on their way to destroy Andrustown, Brant, some distance ahead of his warriors, met Captain Henry near the Chyle. Brant told him that his men were coming, and that if they saw the Captain they would immediately kill him. He suggested that Captain Henry jump into the bushes and hide there until his men had passed; Henry followed Brant's suggestion and escaped discovery.

Another story about Captain Henry and Joseph Brant ran as follows: During the Revolution, at a battle near Tribes' Hill, where Captain Eckle. commanded the forces on the colonial side and Brant the Indians and tories, Brant sent word to Eckler that he wanted to engage in a wrestling match. Captain Eckler accepted, and hostilities ceased for the moment. The two commanders came out in front of both armies and engaged in wrestling; Captain Henry threw Brant every time. At the end of the match, Brant's men were dissatisfied and began the fight at once. They were warmly received with a volley from the Captain's forces, who drove them from the field with heavy losses.

In the late summer of 1781, Brant and his Indians attacked the previously-unharmed Chyle settlement. The Captain and his eldest son Henry were out in the fields gathering crops when they noticed smoke from the burning buildings. Telling his son to hide in the woods, Henry ran back to the house. There he met Brant, who cried "Captain Eckler, do you surrender?" The Captain replied "No, I do not;" running out the back door, he fled for the woods. In attempting to jump over a fallen apple-tree, his foot caught, and he fell just as the Indians fired their rifles at him. Believing they had killed him, the Indians set up a yell of triumph. But the Captain was soon on his feet; he jumped a high brush fence at the edge of the field and hid himself beneath a fallen elm. The Indians came and examined the top and the hollow of the tree, but failed to find him. Brant commented at the time, "The long-legged Dutchman is too many for us; he used to get away with me, but now he has got away from both of us."

Back at the house, the Indians took Captain Henry's wife and children prisoners, and began to destroy anything they could not take with them. One of the Captain's daughters was scalped while binding wheat. After the Indians had collected all the prisoners, they said they would spare the prisoners' lives if they would travel rapidly, keep close together, and not let any of the children cry. Just after they had stopped at the spring for water, Captain Henry's youngest daughter, about four years old, wanted to return home and started back crying; before Christina could reach the frightened child, an Indian grabbed her by the hair and scalped her as a warning to the others to suppress their fright. The Indian threw the body up into a tree; the party was driven on. They were held in the woods for two or three days before being allowed to go to the forts along the river, cold and hungry but otherwise unharmed.

Captain Henry listed his property that had been destroyed in this raid:

"300 skipples of oats	30 pounds
80 skipples of wheat	16 pounds
100 skipples of peas	20 pounds
12 loads of hay	15 pounds
200 skipples of potatoes	20 pounds
80 pounds of flax	8 pounds
my house and barn; two barracks	25 pounds
3 milch cows	15 pounds
household furniture and clothing	10 pounds
hard money	12 pounds"

A skipple was a measure of volume, equal to three-quarters of a bushel. The crops lost probably refer to the harvest he would have gathered had the raid not occurred. This list indicates that Captain Henry was a fairly prosperous farmer, 171 British pounds being a lot of money in those days.

After the Revolution, Henry again settled down on his farm at the Chyle. At the time of the 1790 census, one male over sixteen (Henry), three males under sixteen (John, David, Benjamin) and five females (Christina, Margretha, Elizabeth, Eva, -----) were living in his household.

Captain Henry was appointed assessor for German Flats Township on January 22, 1787. He was also a road commissioner. Profiting from his education at Canajoharie, he taught school at the Chyle in both German and English.

The following list of Captain Henry's children is almost certainly incomplete; one source states that he had thirteen. Other sources state that he had sons named Christian, Daniel, and Peter. The births of Captain Henry's children were recorded in a "large book." When last heard of, this book was in the possession of his son Henry at Stark Township in 1833; if it is still in existence, it would be a most valuable source of information.

Children:

8. i. Henry, b. January 24, 1766.
9. ii. Jacob, b. 1773-4.

10. iii. Margretha, b. about 1775.
iv. Daughter.
v. Daughter. These two children were born during the 1770s and were killed by the Indians in the 1781 raid on the Chyle settlement.
11. vi. Elizabeth, b. about 1781.
12. vii. John, b. June 22, 1783.
13. viii. Eva, b. about 1784.
14. ix. D avid, b. June 11, 1788.
15. x. Benjamin, b. May 26, 1790.

3. ELIZABETH ECKLER (Hendrick-1). She was born September 17, 1746. On November 7, 1764, she married Michael Schneider (Snyder). It is not known when they died or where they are buried.

There is very little information available on this family. Michael and Elizabeth moved to the Chyle along with her brother's and father's families about 1767. They lived at the Chyle before the Revolution, and raised part of their family there.

The 1790 census report listed Michael Snyder as living in Canajoharie Township (in 1790, this township was quite large, including parts of present-day Herkimer, Otsego, and Montgomery Counties). In Michael's family were two males over sixteen, one male under sixteen, and three females. This suggests that he had a wife and three children living with him.

After the Revolution, Michael and His family may have moved to present-day Minden Township, Montgomery County. The last will and testament of a "Michael Schnider of Minden" is on file at Fonda, the county seat. This will, dated May 28, 1810 and probated February 6, 1813, mentions his children Jacob M., John, John George, Margaret, Magdalena, and Elizabeth. The executors were Godfrey Young and Reverend John Lack. In view of the fact that nearly all of these names are Eckler names, and in view of the rarity of a name such as Michael Snyder, it is quite likely that these children are Ecklers. Further study of the Snyder family will solve this problem.

4. CHRISTOPHER ECKLER (Hendrick-1). The sixth child of Hendrick was born near Fort Plain on December 25, 1748. He married Catharina ( ) before 1778; she was born in April, 1752. He served in the N.Y.State Milita during the Revolution, and died June 5, 1838. Catharine died before him, on February 20, 1835; they are buried in the Chyle Cemetery, Warren Township, Herkimer County.

On October 12, 1832, Christopher applied for a pension under an Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 which granted pensions to Revolutionary soldiers or their widows. In this application, he gave many details of his war service, claiming two years' service as a private soldier. This application is now on file at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

According to this document, Christopher lived at the Chyle from 1767 until the spring of 1778, when he and his family moved to Fort Plank for greater protection from the Indians. While living at the Chyle, he served in the milita company commanded by his brother, Captain Henry. In December of 1775, he went to Johnstown with the company; the following summer, he served at Fort Herkimer for a couple of weeks. In 1776, he went with the company down to Unadilla, N.Y., where General Herkimer met the Indian chief Brant for a conference. In August of 1777, he was in Captain Eckler's company when it fought in the bloody battle at Oriskany Creek.

After Christopher moved to Fort Plank, he joined a milita company there commanded by Captain Edick. Because Christopher had a family at the fort, he was employed on jobs around the fort (building, repairing, plowing, etc.) instead of being sent out on armed raids against the enemy. Nevertheless, he was among the troops who were sent to Andrustown after the 1778 Indian massacre there. He helped bury the dead.

Except for a stay at Fort Herkimer during the summer of 1778, Christopher and his family resided at Fort Plank for the rest of the war. From the summer of 1779 through the summer of 1782, he served in Captain Copeman's milita company, which was occasionally called out on raids against the Indians.

After the Revolution, Christopher returned to the Chyle with his family and lived in the vicinity for the rest of his life. Like his brothers, he was a farmer. The 1790 census report listed him as a resident of Germanflatts Township, Montgomery County; in his household was one male over sixteen (Christopher), two males under sixteen (Peter and Nicholas) and three females (Catharina, -----, -----).

Not very much is known about Christopher's death or place of burial. In the Chyle Cemetery, there is an old gravestone with the top (containing the names) broken off; both of the footstones have the initials "C.A."(note that Eckler has often been spelled Ackler). The legible part of the stone reads:

"February 20, 1835 aged 82 yrs. 10 mos.	June 5, 1838 aged 89 yrs. 6 mos. & 5 ds."

The age on the right yields a birth date less than one month away from Christopher's date of birth in the Hendrick Eckler Bible.

Because of the destruction of church records during the Revolution, the following list of Christopher's children is almost certainly incomplete. For example, the 1790 census indicated that he had two daughters born before 1790.

Children:

i. Peter, b. before 1787. He was named for his uncle. He married Catharina Clepsattle, daughter of Colonel Abraham Clepsattle of German Flats, on August 7, 1808. She was born April 13, 1783, and died June 29, 1810. Both the marriage and the death are recorded by the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Herkimer. For details on the

possible descendants of Peter, see "Unplaced Ecklers."

ii. Nicolas, b. November 19, 1788, sponsors Stephan and Anna Eva Eisenmann.

iii. Johannes, b. August 27, 1790, sponsors Johannes and Dorothea Finck.

16. iv. Christopher, b. June 2, 1794.

v. Maria, b. November 6, 1796, sponsors Johannes and Margretha Eckler.

5. JOHN ECKLER (Hendrick-1). John was born on June 24, 1751. He married Margaret ( ); Hardin & Willard's Herkimer County history gives her maiden name as Hoover. He died, according to his son Daniel, in the "sixty-first or sixty-second year of his age" -- about 1812. His wife was living as late as 1807, when she sponsored a baptism; it is not known when she died or where they are buried.

Very little is known about this family. Lou D. MacWethy's "Book of Names" indicates that "Hanos" Eckler was a soldier in the Revolution; he served in the 1st Regiment of Tryon County Milita, Colonel Samuel Campbell commanding.

He came to the Chyle with his father Hendrick in 1767; with the probable exception of four years (1778-1782) spent in the forts along the Mohawk River, he lived at the Chyle for the rest of his life. He is the first person listed in the 1790 census for Canajoharie Township; in his household at that time were one male over sixteen (John), six males under sixteen (Henry, Johannes, Christian, -----, -----, -----) and two females (Margaret and ------)

Because of the destruction of church records, the following list of John's children is almost certainly incomplete. The 1790 census reports indicate four children that are not listed below. Hardin and Willard's Herkimer County history names additional children Jacob, Peter, and Elizabeth, but gives no further information about them.

Children:

i. Henry, probably born before 1780. Beers' Herkimer County history relates the following story:

> "After the close of the Revolution, at a public house kept by David Caswell, one George House, a tory, boasted of having killed children by bayoneting them, and other acts of fiendishness, when Henry Eckler, son of John Eckler and nephew of the Captain, jumped across the table, knocked him down, and had it not been for interference of outsiders, would have killed him."

Nothing more is known about this son.

ii. Johannes, b. October 2, 1782, sponsors Daniel and Catharina Ullendorff.

17. iii. Christian, b. in October, 1785 (gravestone) or 1790 (county history).

iv. Margretha, b. October 18, 1794, sponsors Conrad Haus and Margretha Eckler.

v. Catharina, b. April 5, 1798, sponsors William Ecker and Christina Knautz.

18. vi. Daniel, b. July 19, 1797 (gravestone) or July 21, 1798 (Lutheran St. Paul's church record).

6. PETER ECKLER (Hendrick-1). He was born at Fort Plain on July 2, 1754. He married (1) Christina Kramer, on November 12, 1782. She died sometime between 1811 and 1818. Peter married (2) Hannah Shafer, widow of Henry Cronkhite, Jr. of Minden Township, about March, 1818, at Danube. She was born about 1772. Peter died at Warren, N.Y. on November 28, 1834, and is reported to be buried in a cemetery at Richfield Springs. Hannah returned to Danube after his death; she was living there as late as 1856.

Peter Eckler was a soldier in the Revolution. His pension record, now on file at the National Archives in Washington, gives the details of his war service.

Peter was living in the Chyle settlement at the beginning of the war. He enlisted in a milita company commanded by his brother, Captain Henry, and served in this company from 1775 to the end of 1777. While under his brother's command, he was "continually called upon to help guard the frontier against savages." He marched with the company to Johnstown in 1775; the following summer, he served at Fort Stanwix and Fort Herkimer in Captain Eisenlord's milita company. Under the command of Captain Eisenlord, Peter marched to Ticonderoga, where he helped build a bridge across Lake George in the winter of 1776. Returning to Captain Eckler's company, Peter was with them when they took part in the battle of Oriskany Creek, in August of 1777.

Peter served at Fort Plank under the command of Captain Copeman from the spring of 1778 until the end of the war, both as a guard and as a member of the scouting or raiding parties sent out from the fort. During the latter part of the war, he fought in the battle of Turlock and the battle of West Canada Creek, when the tory Butler was killed.

On December 4, 1779, Peter was paid 4 pounds, 5 shillings, and 4 pence for his service in the milita. On November 1, 1780, he was paid a somewhat larger amount --- 10 pounds, 4 shillings, and 5 pence.

After the war, Peter Eckler lived in the Chyle settlement. The 1790 census reported that one male over sixteen (Peter), three males under sixteen (Peter, John, -----) and three females (Christina, Hannah, Eve) were living in his household. According to a descendant, Peter was a prosperous farmer.

Peter moved to the "Otsquago" (near Van Hornesville), where he and his family lived until 1811. Family tradition states that Peter's wife Christina was killed in a fire which destroyed the house. Peter's Otsquago home was probably the one which burned, for Christina's name does not appear in any records after 1811, the year Peter moved back to the Chyle. It is quite possible that some of Peter's younger children perished in the fire; there are no records to show that Godfried, Wilhelm, or Christina lived to maturity.

Peter resided at the Chyle settlement from 1811 until his death in 1834. A year before his death, he applied for a pension for two

years of Revolutionary service as a private; it is not known whether he ever received the pension. However, his widow Hannah applied for and was granted a land warrant for 160 acres in 1855.

Children:

19. i. Peter, b. September 18, 1783.
20. ii. Hannah, b. about 1785.
21. iii. John, b. August 15, 1789.
iv. Eve. In 1853, she was listed as one of the living children of Peter Eckler.
v. Maria, b. March 3, 1794, sponsors Heinrich and Maria Eckler.
22. vi. Henry, b. January 7, 1797.
23. vii. Benjamin, b. August 17, 1799 (Lutheran St. Paul's Church record) or August 9, 1800 (county history).
viii. Godfried, b. July 22, 1801, sponsors Thomas Van Horne and wife Maria. He was not living in 1853.
ix. Wilhelm, b. April 19, 1803, sponsors Johannes Schall and Nelly Van Horne. He was not living in 1853.
x. Christina, b. February 2, 1805, sponsors Johannes and Sophia Eckler. She was not living in 1853. These three children probably died young.
xi. Elizabeth, b. July 15, 1808, sponsors Johannes M. and Margretha Schneyder. She was living in 1853.

7. LEONARD ECKLER (Hendrick-1). The youngest child of Hendrick was born at Canajoharie on May 22, 1760. He married Catharine Young at Fort Plain on March 11, 1787. She was born July 4, 1763; she was probably the daughter of Jacob and Dorothy (Reichert) Young. Leonard died January 10, 1838, at Columbia, N.Y. Catharine died after 1850. They are buried at Columbia.

Leonard was a soldier in the Revolution. The details of his war service are given by his pension application, now on file in the National Archives, Washington, D.C.

According to the application, Leonard enlisted in 1776 in a milita company at the Chyle commanded by his brother, Captain Henry. Although he was only sixteen at the time, he was by no means the youngest Eckler in the war; his nephew Henry was a guard at Fort Plank at the age of fourteen. During his three years in the company, he was "repeatedly ordered to duty" to protect the Chyle settlement from nearby Indian raids. He was with Captain Henry's company when it fought in the bloody battle of Oriskany Creek in August, 1777.

In 1779, Leonard enlisted in a company commanded by Captain Bighead; he served at Fort Herkimer.

He enlisted in Captain Putnam's company at Fort Dayton in April, 1780. During the summer, he was stationed as a guard at Fort Plank, Fort Windecker (seven miles up the river), and Fort Snell (at Stone Arabia). In late September of 1780, Leonard was sent to Fort Stanwix on the upper Mohawk River -- the last outpost of the colonists, frequently isolated by the Indians from the lower Mohawk settlements.

Leonard was sent out in a party of soldiers to destroy some of the enemy's boats on Oneida Lake in the late fall of 1780. The party was ambushed by the Indians and overpowered; Leonard, among others, was taken prisoner. The Indians turned him over to the British, who sent him to Lachine, a Canadian prison near Montreal. The British gave him the choice of spending the rest of the war in prison or of performing manual labor for them. Leonard chose the labor in the hope of finding an opportunity to escape, but he was guarded too closely to make any attempt. He helped rebuild a British fort at Lachine; later, he was transferred to Bucks Island (probably in the St. Lawrence). He was returned by the British to New York after the end of the war.

At the time of the 1790 census, Leonard was living in Canajoharie Township. One male over sixteen (Leonard), one male under sixteen (Jacob), and two females (Catharine and Margaret) were in his household at the time.

After the Revolution, Leonard moved from the Chyle settlement to Columbia Township, Herkimer County; many of his descendants lived there and in neighboring German Flats Township. Leonard applied for a pension for his war service about 1833; he was granted a pension of $80 per year. After his death, his widow Catharine applied for and received a pension beginning in 1843.

Leonard's name is sometimes spelled Ackler in church and town records. It is not known whether this was a deliberate change originated by Leonard or simply carelessness on the part of those who maintained the records. Whatever its origin, the change was made, and all of Leonard's descendants have spelled the name Ackler. This has created considerable confusion for those who have tried to trace out the Eckler family; because of the present-day difference in spelling, some have maintained that the Ecklers and the Acklers are two separate families. A careful study of early records, including the Hendrick Eckler family Bible, has definitely proven that the Ecklers and Acklers in the Mohawk Valley are descendants of the same family.

Children:

24. i. Margaret, b. May 28, 1788.
25. ii. Jacob, b. July 21, 1790.
26. iii. George, b. November 28, 1791.
iv. Henry, b. March 26, 1793. He died January 27, 1827.
27. v. Adam (John Adam), b. June 9, 1795.
28. vi. Leonard, b. February 12, 1797.
vii. John, b. January 6, 1803, sponsors John Rickert and Dorothea Young (his grandmother). He died August 29, 1835.

THIRD GENERATION

8. HENRY ECKLER (Henry-2, Hendrick-1). The eldest son of Captain Henry Eckler was born in Canajoharie Township (present-day Minden Township) January 24, 1766. He married Maria Dygert, daughter of Henry and Mary (Cunningham) Dygert of Springfield, on July 8, 1788. He served in both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and died after 1860 at an advanced age. Maria died before 1850; it is not known where this couple is buried.

Henry filed a pension application on February 13, 1833. This application is now on file at the National Archives in Washington; in it, Henry gave details of his early life and war service.

Henry was a resident of Canajoharie at the start of the war; during the early part of the war, he lived with his father at the Chyle. In 1780, when he was nearly fifteen, he enrolled in a milita company at Fort Plank commanded by Captain Joseph House. He remained with this company until the end of the war in 1783. Because of Henry's youth, he was sent out on very few scouting-parties or raids; most of the time, he was employed at such jobs as plowing near the fort and repairing the fort. On November 21, 1782, Henry was paid 2 pounds, 18 shillings, and 7 pence for Revolutionary services.

At the time of the August, 1781 raid on the Chyle settlement, Henry was out in the field with his father gathering grain; the Captain told him to flee to the woods and take care of himself. He escaped capture, making his way through the woods to the safety of Fort Plank.

After the Revolution, Henry settled on a farm in present-day Stark Township, Herkimer County. His farm was located on Willsey Hill.* He served briefly in the War of 1812, as a private in the company of Captain Jacob Young, from September 7, 1814 to November 8, 1814. According to testimony in a pension application filed by Henry in 1851, he entered Captain Young's company to serve out the enlistment time of one of his sons, who had deserted the company and could not be persuaded to return. Henry's attorney wrote in 1856: "His claim is a meritorius one. His brave arm helped to purchase freedom, and then when age had worn upon him and a cowardly son deserted, he again entered the army in defense of his country."

In spite of his army service in two wars, Henry had trouble collecting his pension money from the Government. He was granted a pension of $33 per year, commencing in 1831; however, he was removed from the pension rolls in 1834. The Government claimed he was too young to have served in the Revolution. It is not known whether the pension was ever reinstated.

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* Willsey Hill was named for Dr. Willsey, the first physician in Stark Township, who settled there in 1797. From the ridge, one may get a panoramic view of the Mohawk Valley, including the southern Adirondack Mountains.

In 1851, after he had moved from his Stark Township farm to spend his last years with his son Jacob in Cherry Valley Township, Otsego County, Henry applied for a land warrant of 160 acres under the Bounty Land Act for War of 1812 veterans passed by Congress on September 28, 1850. Because his name had not been entered in place of his son's name on the company rolls, he was unable to obtain a warrant. His application is on file at the National Archives.

Although Captain Henry had been a school teacher, his son Henry never learned to write.

Henry was living with Jacob as late as 1860; family tradition suggests that he died at the age of 98. If this is true, Henry was one of the last surviving veterans of the Revolutionary War. Certainly he was one of the oldest members of the Eckler family.

Children:

29. i. Henry I., b. January 29, 1795 (Lutheran St. Paul's Church record) or February 28, 1795 (gravestone).
30. ii. Jacob, b. August 12, 1796.
iii. Johannes, b. February 8, 1807, sponsors Johannes Eckler Jr. and Sophia Eckler.

9. JACOB ECKLER (Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Jacob was born in the Eckler homestead at the Chyle in 1773-4. He married Christina ( ) about 1796; she was born about 1776. Jacob died at Penfield, Monroe County, N.Y., on March 18, 1860. He and his wife are buried at Penfield.

Jacob lived at the Chyle during his early years. In the summer of 1780 or 1781, when he was about six years old, Jacob was captured by a party of Indians while on his way to school. His older brother Henry, with him at the time they were attacked, ran and escaped, leaving Jacob at the mercy of the Indians. At the time of his capture, the Indians stabbed their bayonets in the ground to frighten him; tradition states that Jacob displayed no outward signs of fear. Considering that this story was in circulation for nearly one hundred years before it was written down, it is undoubtedly somewhat exaggerated. The Indians took him to the western part of the state; Buffalo, the head of Seneca Lake, and the vicinity of Fort Stanwix are all mentioned as his place of imprisonment.

After the war, Captain Henry learned of his son's whereabouts and went west about 1788 to bring him home. Except for piercing his ears, the Indians had treated him kindly during his eight-year captivity, and Jacob was reluctant to leave them and come home with his father.

According to Beers' Herkimer County history, Jacob's association with the Indians during his boyhood left him with an "Indian trait of character" which he retained throughout his life. The manifestations of this character were not described; however, one Eckler descendant said that he had a restless, roving nature.

Apparently Jacob liked what he had seen of the western part of New York State; in 1810, he moved there with his wife and children,

settling in Monroe County. Jacob must have sent back glowing reports about the country, for two years later his recently-married brother Benjamin joined him. The census records for 1850 indicate that Jacob and his wife were living by themselves in Penfield Township, Monroe County; his son Benjamin was living next door.

Children:

i. Henrich, b. March 7, 1798, sponsors Henrich Eckler Jr. and wife Christina.
31. ii. Elizabeth, b. August 17, 1799 (gravestone) or August 22, 1799 (Lutheran St. Paul's Church record).
iii. Maria, b. February 16, 1801, sponsors Henrich Eckler Jr. and wife Maria.
32. iv. Jacob, b. April 16, 1802 (Lutheran St. Paul's Church record) or April 18, 1802 (county history).
33. v. John, b. January 15, 1804.
vi. Susanna, b. December 19, 1805, sponsors Johannes and Sophia Eckler. She married a Gardiner (or Gardner), and was living in Chili, Ontario County, N.Y., in 1879.
34. vii. Benjamin, b. March 6, 1808.
viii. Daughter.
ix. Sophia, b. about 1819. She was living in 1879.

10. MARGRETHA ECKLER (Henry-2, Hendrick-1). She was born about 1775, and married George Fetterly (also spelled Federly, Vetterlie) about 1794. They had a large family.

Children: (Fetterly)

i. Georg, b. July 25, 1795, sponsors Johannes and Elisabeth Federly.
ii. Christina, b. September 27, 1798, sponsors Henrich Eckler and wife Christina.
iii. Margretha, b. December 13, 1800, sponsors Henrich Eckler Jr. and wife Margretha.
iv. Johannes, b. November 12, 1803, sponsors Johannes Eckler and Margretha Eckler.
v. Catharina, b. July 22, 1805, sponsors Isaac and Catharina Haus.
vi. Eva, b. March 12, 1807, sponsors Jacob and Christina Eckler. She married a Miller, and was living in Little Falls in 1879.
vii. Elisabeth, b. February 25, 1810, sponsors Johann Nicolas and Elisabeth Schmitt.
viii. Henrich, b. March 19, 1812, sponsors Theobald and Maria Eckler.
ix. Moses, b. January 21, 1814, sponsors parents.
35. x. Mary Ann (Marianne), b. November 26, 1819.

11. ELIZABETH ECKLER (Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Elizabeth was born about 1781, and married Nicholas Smith about 1800.

Children: (Smith)

i. Christina, b. January 14, 1802, sponsors Henrich and Christina Eckler.

ii. Johannes, b. March 29, 1804, sponsors Conrad and Margretha Haus.
iii. "Pally" (probably Polly), b. November 3, 1806, sponsors Henrich and Anna Eckler.
iv. Henrich, b. May 14, 1809, sponsors Georg and Margretha Vedderly.
v. Eva, b. September 7, 1811, sponsors Philip Schaefer and Maria Schmitt.
vi. Nicolaus, b. February 5, 1814, sponsors Johannes and Sophia Eckler. He was living in 1879.
vii. Abraham, b. March 2, 1816; His sponsors were his parents.
viii. William, b. about 1816; he was living in Paines Hollow in 1879.
36. ix. Ann E., b. about 1818.
x. Levi, b. about 1820; he was living in 1879.

12. JOHN ECKLER (Henry-2, Hendrick-1). This son of Captain Henry was born June 22, 1783, at the Chyle. He married Sophia Van Horne, daughter of Thomas and Maria (Fredericks) Van Horne, on December 6, 1804. She was born October 26, 1786 (gravestone) or October 27, 1786 (Van Horne genealogy). He died on September 14, 1854; she died the year before, on September 11, 1853. They are buried in the Chyle Cemetery.

John inherited the Chyle homestead from his father, and lived on it all his life. At the time of the 1850 census, he and his wife were living there by themselves. He was a farmer. In August, 1854, one month before John's death, the Mohawk Valley historian Nathaniel Benton visited the Chyle settlement and wrote:

> "A family by the name of Eckler or Ecklar had seated themselves at this place.....This settlement was broken up during the Revolution, and the inhabitants compelled to fly for refuge and protection to Fort Plank, where they remained until the close of the war. I visited the Eckler settlement in August, 1854, and found John, one of the sons of Henry Eckler, who was driven off by the Indians and tories, and a younger brother, still on the old homestead which had passed from father to sons, through three generations, and the title yet held by will. No alienations out of the family had taken place since the first grant by the patentee. This is an occurrence so unusual, that I have deemed it worthy of particular notice. John Ecklar, at the time I saw him, was 71 years old; he had a brother, Henry, living in Sharon, aged 88 years; the other brother was 68 years of age, a hale and robust man, who evinced a little inquisitiveness about the object of my visit, surmising, perhaps, I might be inquiring into titles of land. The worthy yeoman should have considered this land his beyond all dispute or impeachment. Emanating from the crown, and sealed with ancestral blood in asserting the just rights of the colonists, followed by a marked possession of an hundred years, who would hazard an inquiry into such a man's right to the soil he cultivated? "

Children:

37. i. Henry, b. September 22, 1805.
38. ii. Thomas, b. January 22, 1808.
39. iii. Christina, b. March 6, 1809.
40. iv. John, b. June 15, 1810 (Lutheran St. Paul's Church record) or June 16, 1810 (Van Horne genealogy; gravestone).
41. v. Mary Ann, b. December 25, 1815.

13. EVA ECKLER (Henry-2, Hendrick-1). She was born about 1784, and married James House about 1804. The following list of their children is almost certainly incomplete.

Children: (House)

i. Maria Catharina, b. November 20, 1805, sponsors Henrich Forth and wife Maria Haus.
ii. James, b. February 17, 1811, sponsors David and Maria Eckler.
iii. Benjamin, b. about 1815. He was living in Chautauqua County, N.Y. in 1879.

14. DAVID ECKLER (Henry-2, Hendrick-1). David, named Theobald in early records, was born at the Chyle on June 11, 1788. He married Maria Springer on January 14, 1811; she was born December 23, 1794. David died June 12, 1858; Margaret was living as late as 1878. David is buried in the Chyle Cemetery; on his stone is the inscription "I would not live always." Presumably, his wife is buried next to him; she has no stone.

David was a farmer on the Chyle; he raised a family of sixteen, twelve of whom lived to maturity. The births of the first ten children were recorded in David's old family Bible (now in the possession of a great-grandson, Lester Young); underneath the tenth and last birth, someone wrote in a firm hand, "This is the last one." The unknown writer evidently changed his (or her) mind, for six more children arrived in the next thirteen years.

At the time of the 1850 census, David and his family were living in Springfield Township, two houses away from the old Eckler homestead occupied by David's brother John. The census-taker incorrectly recorded his name as Daniel.

Children:

42. i. Henry D., b. December 28, 1811.
43. ii. Anna Maria, b. April 4, 1813.
iii. Betsey Ann, b. September 1, 1814, sponsors parents. She married Zera Fuller on December 1, 1839 and they moved to the western part of New York. They had at least one son John, who is buried at Brokton, N.Y.
iv. Benjamin D., b. October 8, 1816. He married Amanda Vandenburg on January 22, 1846.
v. Lucinda, b. September 8, 1818 (Bible record) or October 8, 1818 (gravestone). She died July 14, 1837, and is buried in the Chyle Cemetery.
44. vi. John D., b. March 28, 1820.

vii. Daniel, b. March 20, 1822. He died February 25, 1834.
45. viii. Christina, b. January 18, 1824.
46. ix. Fanny, b. June 18, 1826.
47. x. Sophia, b. February 14, 1828.
xi. Catharine, b. October 3, 1830. She married James Vandenburg on March 18, 1855. They had no children.
xii. David Nelson, b. April 15, 1832. He died September 9, 1852, and is buried in the Chyle Cemetery.
xiii. Waldro Bingum, b. February 27, 1834. He died April 12, 1835.
48. xiv. Alexander, b. January 4, 1836.
xv. Emeline, b. November 28, 1837. She married John Burst on December 4, 1856. Descendants of this couple include Clarence and Floyd Burst of Springfield Center, N.Y.
xvi. Jeremiah, b. March 19, 1841. He was living at the Chyle with his brother Alexander in 1860 and 1870, according to the census records. His occupation was listed as farmer.

15. BENJAMIN ECKLER (Henry-2, Hendrick-1). The youngest son of Captain Henry was born in the Eckler homestead at the Chyle on May 26, 1790. He married Mary Cole of Herkimer County about 1809; she was born about 1791. He died at an advanced age in Mendon, Monroe County, on January 15, 1877. Mary died July 19, 1864. They are buried at Mendon.

Benjamin left the family homestead in 1812 to settle at Mendon, Monroe County, N.Y. The country was still a wilderness when he and his wife arrived. The farm on which they settled had only four acres of cleared land; their first house was a rude log cabin.

The following year, Benjamin served in the War of 1812. He enlisted "at the mouth of the Genesee River" in a milita company commanded by Captain Nathan Bryant on May 1, 1813; he was discharged from service at the same place later in the year. On August 17, 1860, he filed a claim for 160 acres of land under the Bounty Land Act for War of 1812 veterans; his claim was rejected because his name did not appear on the rolls of Captain Bryant's company. These papers are now on file at the National Archives in Washington.

In his later years, Benjamin became quite prosperous. In addition to his original homestead, he owned several farms in and around Mendon. He and his family were living in Mendon Township, Monroe County at the time of the 1850 census. His farm was then worth $9,000. Politically, Benjamin was a Republican.

At the time of Benjamin's death in 1877, seven of his children, forty-one of his grandchildren, and twenty great-grandchildren were living, "all of a hardy, long-lived rade." They undoubtedly inherited their hardihood and long life from eighty-six-year-old Benjamin himself.

Children:

i. Christina, b. October 20, 1810, sponsors Henrich and Christina Eckler.
49. ii. Sarah (Sally), b. about 1813.
50. iii. Matilda, b. about 1814.
iv. Daughter, dead by 1877.
51. v. David, b. about 1820.

52. vi. John, b. February 12, 1824.
53. vii. Mason, b. about 1827.
viii. Esther, b. about 1827. She was living with her parents in 1850. By 1878, she had married a man named Cate and was living in Chili, Ontario County.
ix. Son, dead by 1877.
x. Benjamin, b. about 1833. He was living with his father in 1877.
xi. Son, dead by 1877.
xii. Son, dead by 1877.

16. CHRISTOPHER ECKLER (Christopher-4, Hendrick-1). He was born June 2, 1794; his sponsors were Christoph Eckler and Maria Elisabeth Conterman. He married Maria ( ), and died November 19, 1858. Maria was born in February, 1794, and died January 4, 1866. They are buried in the Chyle Cemetery.

At the time of the 1850 census, Christopher was living in the Chyle settlement; his farm was worth $5,000. His son William and daughter-in-law Catharine were living with him.

Christopher made his will November 1, 1858; it was admitted to probate December 28, 1858. His son William was named executor; in it, he mentioned his daughter Rosanna Voorhees, granddaughter Mary Frances Voorhees, and grandson Willard Eckler. The will is on file at Herkimer, N.Y.

Children:
54. i. William Delos, b. October 18, 1816.
ii. Rosanna, married William M. Voorhees. They had a daughter Mary Frances, born after 1837.

17. CHRISTIAN ECKLER (John-5, Hendrick-1). Christian was born in October, 1785 (gravestone) or in 1790 (county history). He married Hannah Crim, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Hoover) Crim, around 1810, and died on June 6, 1841. Hannah was born December 6, 1790, and died July 20, 1876. They are buried in the Chyle Cemetery.

Christian Eckler's ancestry is somewhat uncertain. This biography follows Hardin and Willard's Herkimer County history in assigning Christian Eckler to the family of John. On the other hand, Beers' Herkimer County history indicates that Christian was a son of Christopher Eckler. Further study of the available records may solve this problem.

Children:
i. Johannes, b. July 23, 1812, sponsors Adam and Elisabeth Crim. He probably died young.
ii. James, b. October 2, 1813; his sponsors were his parents. Apparently he never married. James died April 18, 1900, and is buried with his father in the Chyle Cemetery.
In 1850, 1860, and 1870, James resided in the Chyle settlement in Warren Township. His farm increased in value from $2,000 in 1850 to $7,000 in 1870. His mother and sisters Lydia, Eva, and Angeline were in his household.

James made his will on June 12, 1895; it was probated May 14, 1900, and is on file at Herkimer, N.Y.

55. iii. Elizabeth, b. March 2, 1815.
iv. Margaret (Peggy), died before 1893.
v. Hannah.
vi. Catharine, b. September 2, 1820. She married William Delos Eckler; for details on her family, see family 54.
vii. Lydia Ann, b. July 5, 1822, died June 16, 1891. She is buried with her father in the Chyle Cemetery.
viii. Eva M., b. July 13, 1824, died March 24, 1903. She, too, is buried with her father in the Chyle Cemetery.
ix. Angeline, b. February 26, 1826. She made her will on August 26, 1892; it was probated on September 3, 1895, and is on file at Herkimer.

18. DANIEL ECKLER (John-5, Hendrick-1). He was born July 19, 1797 (gravestone) or July 21, 1798 (Lutheran St. Paul's Church record); his sponsors were Christoph and Catharina Eckler. He married Catharine ( ) about 1820; she was born January 14, 1793, and died February 3, 1881. Daniel died on May 26, 1888, at the age of ninety; he was probably the last surviving grandchild of Hendrick Eckler. He and his wife are buried in the Chyle Cemetery.

Daniel was a farmer in the Eckler settlement at the Chyle. The census report for 1860 indicated that he was living in Warren Township with his son and daughter-in-law. The same state of affairs prevailed when the 1870 census-taker came around. His farm was worth $8,000 in 1870.

Children:

56. i. Volkert P., b. April 10. 1823.
ii. Lisa Ann, b. July 19, 1824.
iii. Charity Maria, b. August 14, 1827.

19. PETER ECKLER (Peter-6, Hendrick-1). The eldest son of Peter Eckler was born September 18, 1783; his sponsors were Henrich and Christina Eckler. He married Magdalena Bronner, daughter of Christian and Hannah (Fetterly) Bronner, about 1809. She was born April 22, 1793, and died on June 25, 1879. Peter died after 1860. They are buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery in Richfield Springs; their graves are unmarked.

Peter was living in Springfield Township at the time of the 1850 census. It is believed that his homestead was near Allen's Lake. Living with him were his wife Lany and children Allen (married), Viancy, and Samantha. In 1850, his farm was worth $6,000; by 1860, it had increased in value to $8,000.

Children:

i. Peter, b. November 15, 1810, sponsors Peter and Christina Eckler. He married Lucinda Thayer; they lived on Stewart's Patent. She was born about 1814. They were living in Springfield Township in 1850, 1860, and 1870, a few houses away from Peter, his father. They had a son, and daughters Mary, born about 1834, and Florence.

ii. Isaac, b. April 4, 1812, sponsors Christian and Anna Brunner.
iii. Eva, b. September 22, 1813, sponsors Isaac Bronner and Eva Eckler.
iv. Anna, b. October 8, 1816 at Otsego, sponsors parents.
57. v. Allen, b. 1818.
58. vi. Levi, b. January 6, 1821.
vii. Viancy (or Biancy), b. April 15, 1827, sponsors parents. She was living at home in 1850. She married an Allen.
viii. Samantha (or Simanda), b. December 17, 1828, sponsors parents. She, too, was living at home in 1850.
ix. Martin, b. about 1840. He married Mary Elizabeth ( ), and lived in Ilion, N.Y. He had a son Oscar.
x. Martha, b. about 1840, a twin of Martin. She married a man named Walrath.

20. HANNAH ECKLER (Peter-6, Hendrick-1). She was born about 1785; she married Ezekiel Conklin, son of Elias Conklin, in 1800. He was born in 1779. About 1820, they moved from Warren to Brownsville, Jefferson County, N.Y.

Very little is known about this family; it is not certain that the assigning of Hannah to Peter Eckler's family is correct. Most of the information about this family has been received from Mrs. C. W. Crim, of Richfield Springs and Miami Beach, Florida.

Children: (Conklin)
i. Peter, b. August 17, 1801, sponsors Christoph and Catharina Eckler. He married Lucy Joiner, daughter of Ashael Joiner and Lavina Darby, who was born in 1810 and died in 1851. Peter moved to Michigan in 1850.
ii. Christopher, b. April 26, 1806, sponsors Andrew and Catharina Berger.

21. JOHN E. ECKLER (Peter-6, Hendrick-1). He was born August 15, 1789, in present-day Stark Township. He married Magdalena Van Horne, daughter of Thomas and Maria (Fredericks) Van Horne, in October, 1810. Known as Lany, she was born in present-day Stark Township on November 1, 1795, and died in Arlington Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, in ths summer of 1879. John died twenty years before her, at Arlington on December 19, 1859. They are buried in the old cemetery at Arlington.

John was a soldier in the War of 1812; he never applied for a pension. About 1818, he and his family moved west to Avon, Genesee County, N.Y., where they lived for over twenty years. They continued their journey west in 1843, moving to Oakland County, Michigan. John and his family finally settled in Arlington Township about 1853.

John raised a family of sixteen, thirteen of whom lived to maturity. The clannishness of this family is illustrated by the fact that most of the children moved to Michigan with their parents. At one time, eight of their daughters and husbands lived in the vicinity of John's Bangor home. Tradition says that there never was a quarrel in the family. John was fairly prosperous -- almost a necessity with a family of sixteen to care for.

Children:

59. i. Peter, b. August 25, 1811 (Van Horne genealogy) or November 8, 1811 (Lutheran St. Paul's Church record).
ii. Philip, b. August 20, 1813, in present-day Stark Township; his sponsors were Philip and Margaretha Van Horne. He married Catharine De Haven on July 15, 1836, and died at Arlington, Michigan on August 4, 1878. They had no children.
60. iii. Thomas, b. September 4, 1815.
61. iv. Mary Ann, b. July 1, 1817.
62. v. Christiana, b. September 25, 1819.
63. vi. Margaret, b. February 14, 1821.
vii. Julia Ann, b. February 15, 1823, at Avon, N.Y. She married Benjamin Ewings on July 6, 1848, and died at Arlington, Michigan, on March 17, 1867. They had no children.
64. viii. Sophronia, b. January 2, 1825.
65. ix. Lucinda, b. January 27, 1827.
66. x. Malinda, b. January 30, 1829.
xi. Mariah, b. February 5, 1831, at Avon. She married James Wallace in August, 1851.
xii. John, b. April 11, 1833 at Avon. He died May 9, 1833, at Avon.
xiii. Almena, b. May 2, 1835 at Avon. She died July 12, 1836, at Avon.
xiv. Susan, b. April 4, 1837 at Avon.. She died August 7, 1838, at Avon.
67. xv. B. Dighton, b. January 25, 1840.
68. xvi. Noah, b. October 9, 1842.

22. HENRY ECKLER (Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Henry was born in present-day Warren Township on January 7, 1797; his birth was sponsored by Heinrich Eckler Jr. and Margretha Eckler. He married Lydia Conklin, who was born January 18, 1801 (gravestone) or in August, 1803 (county history). He died February 28, 1862; Lida died at the advanced age of 93, on June 7, 1894. They are buried in the Springfield Cemetery, a quarter of a mile north of the village.

Hardin and Willard's Herkimer County history states that Henry served in the War of 1812; if he did, he was no older than seventeen years. At the time of the 1850 and 1860 censuses, Henry was a farmer living in Warren Township; his occupation was day laborer.

Children:

69. i. William, b. 1824.
70. ii. Jeremiah, b. April 2, 1824.
iii. Hannah, not living with parents at the time of the 1850 census.
71. iv. Henry, b. about 1827.
v. Jacob, b. about 1830. He was living with his parents at the time of the 1850 census; in 1893, he was living in Otsego County.
vi. Mary, b. about 1832. She was dead by 1893.
vii. Thomas, b. about October, 1834. He was a day laborer living with his parents in 1860.
viii. Lydia (or Alida), b. about 1836.

ix. Nancy, b. about 1839. She died before 1893.
x. Mahlon, b. about 1844. He was a laborer living with his parents in 1870.

23. BENJAMIN ECKLER (Peter-6, Hendrick-1). He was born either August 17, 1799 (Lutheran St. Paul's Church record) or August 9, 1800 (county history), in Otsego County; his sponsors were Conrad and Margrotha Haus. He married Frances Springer on February 13, 1828; she was born in Warren March 9, 1807. Benjamin died at Cooperstown October 4, 1864; his wife died in Middlefield Township November 5, 1885. It is not known where they are buried.

This family had ten children, six of whom were living in 1895.

Children:
72. i. Nelson, b. January 11, 1829.
73. ii. A( ), b. September 12, 1832.
74. iii. Lorenzo, b. November 4, 1834.
iv. Jeremiah, b. about 1840. He was living in Middlefield Township, Otsego County with Charles in 1870.
75. v. Charles A., b. December 16, 1842.
vi. Elias, b. about 1845. He, too, was living in Middlefield Township with Charles in 1870.
vii. Child.
viii. Child.
ix. Child.
x. Child.

24. MARGARET ACKLER (Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). The eldest daughter of Leonard Eckler was born May 28, 1788. She married Christian Claus.

Children: (Claus)
i. Jacob, b. February 22, 1817, sponsors Henrich and Elizabeth Lottery.
ii. Elisa Ann, b. October 24, 1822, at Columbia.

25. JACOB ACKLER (Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). He was born July 21, 1790; his sponsors were Jacob and Eva Young. On March 1, 1812, he married Catharine Bell, daughter of Philip Bell of Warren. She was born on February 15, 1793. He died November 6, 1869, at Columbia; she followed him on February 8, 1884. They are buried at North Columbia, N.Y.

Jacob served in the War of 1812; he was a private in Captain Morgan's company, N.Y. Milita. He enlisted October 5, 1814, served on the "northern frontiers of N.Y. State," and was discharged November 13, 1814, at the time the company was mustered out.

Jacob was a farmer; in the 1850 and 1860 censuses, he was a resident of Columbia Township. His farm was worth $4,000 in 1850.

According to papers on file at the National Archives in Washington, Jacob was granted 40 acres of bounty land in 1850 and 120 acres in 1855 in recognition of his military service. The same papers give some facts

of Jacob's death; it occurred in the evening "just after candlelight;" the day of the funeral was "cold and stormy" with "frost upon the ground."

In the late 1870s, Catharine applied for a pension under an Act of Congress passed March 9, 1878, granting pensions to widows of War of 1812 veterans. The Government apparently had its share of red tape, even in those days; the papers dealing with Catharine's application are numerous. One letter, written by her attorney after three months of silence on the part of the Government, stated that "the old lady is becoming somewhat impatient." However, she was eventually granted a pension of $8 per month lasting until her death in 1884.

Children:

76. i. Jacob, b. July 11, 1812.
77. ii. David, b. February 5, 1816.
iii. Deborah, b. July 16, 1820, sponsor Nicholas Bell. She was living in 1893.
iv. Dorothy, b. June 11, 1823. She was living in 1893.
v. Mary Elizabeth, b. March 26, 1826. She, too, was living in 1893.
vi. Henry, b. April 6, 1828.
78. vii. Philip J., b. March 17, 1830.
viii. Emily, b. November 30, 1833. She was living in 1893.

26. GEORGE ACKLER (Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). The second son of Leonard was born November 28, 1791. He married Elizabeth Bell, daughter of Philip Bell of Warren, on January 30, 1814. She was born about 1795 and died at Ilion, N.Y. on March 27, 1883. George died in Columbia, March 2, 1862. Probably they are buried in Columbia.

George served in the War of 1812 as a private in Captain Mills' Company, N.Y. Milita. He was mustered in at Deerfield, Oneida County, N.Y., on October 7, 1814; the company marched to Sackett's Harbor, N.Y., where he was discharged on November 18, 1814. Sackett's Harbor was an important American naval base on Lake Ontario in the War of 1812.

George farmed in Columbia Township all his life; in the 1850 census, he was living on a Columbia Township farm worth $3,000.

In recognition of his War of 1812 service, George was granted 40 acres of bounty land in 1850 and an additional 120 acres in 1855. After George's death, Elizabeth applied for a widow's pension; she was awarded $8 per month from 1878 until her death in 1883. The pension papers are now on file in the National Archives.

Children:

i. Leonard, b. April 24, 1814, sponsors Leonard and Catharina Ekler.
79. ii. Josiah, b. March 6, 1816.
80. iii. Philip, b. June 16, 1818.
iv. Dolly, b. November 9, 1820.
v. Caty Elizabeth, b. June 28, 1823, at Columbia; her sponsors were her parents.
vi. Dalia (or Delila), b. January 27, 1826, at Columbia; her

sponsors were her parents.
vii. George Henry, b. June 11, 1830.
81. viii. Jacob, b. about 1833.

27. ADAM ACKLER (Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). Also known as John Adam, this son of Leonard was born June 9, 1795; his sponsors were Georg and Maria Schall. On January 10, 1820, he married Catharine Helmer in German Flats Township; she was born about 1802. He died at Columbia on October 18, 1864; Catharine died at Columbia December 31, 1885. Probably they are buried in Columbia.

Adam was a soldier in the War of 1812; he served as a private in Captain Mills' and Captain Townsend's companies, N.Y. Milita. He enlisted at Columbia on September 20, 1814; the company marched to Sackett's Harbor, where he was discharged November 12, 1814.

Adam spent his life farming in Columbia Township. In the 1850 census, his farm was reported to be worth $3,000. According to pension records, he was five feet, eight inches tall, had blue eyes, and weighed 155 pounds.

He applied for and received 40 acres of bounty land in 1850, in recognition of his War of 1812 services; in 1855, he received 120 additional acres. After his death, Catharine, then living on the old homestead in Columbia with her son James, applied for and received $8 per month pension money from 1878 until her death in 1885.

Children:
82. i. Catharine, b. July 2, 1821.
ii. Eva, b. January 21, 1823, at Columbia; her sponsors were Adamo and Eva Helmer. She married William Getman and lived in German Flats Township.
iii. John, b. October 25, 1824, at Columbia; his sponsors were Joane and Catharina Shoemaker. He died in infancy.
iv. Emaline, b. about 1828; she married Daniel W. Gray and resided in Columbia.
v. Henry, b. April 10, 1829, at Columbia; his sponsors were Thomas and Anna Helmer. He died in infancy.
83. vi. Philo, b. April 30, 1831.
84. vii. James Lewis, b. September 16, 1833.
viii. Sally, b. about 1836. She married Rudolph Getman and lived in Columbia.
ix. Diantha, b. August 4, 1839, at Columbia; her sponsors were her parents. She married Nicholas Shaul, and died about 1863 in Burlington, Otsego County.

28. LEONARD ACKLER (Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). The fifth son of Leonard Eckler was born on February 12, 1797; his sponsors were John Leonhard and Margretha Eckler. He married Margaret Bell on December 23, 1820; she was born August 1, 1801. Leonard died October 11, 1860; Margaret died August 12, 1885.

Leonard was a farmer in German Flats Township. At the time of the 1850 census, his farm was worth $1,800; several of his children were living with him.

Children:

i. Philip, b. December 12, 1822. He married Catharine Crim, born about 1824, and was living next to his father at the time of the 1850 census. He was a farmer.

ii. George Henry, b. December 22, 1824. He was a carpenter, living with his parents in 1850.

85. iii. Jacob Philo, b. December 17, 1826 (Reformed Church of Columbia record) or December 17, 1827 (Bible record).

iv. Mary Elizabeth, b. February 3, 1829. She married (1) Oren Sumner, and (2) Daniel Nichols; she died August 2, 1900.

86. v. Nicholas, b. July 24, 1831.

vi. William, b. December 8, 1833. He married Emaline Ackler; she was probably the daughter of Leonard's brother Jacob (25).

87. vii. Nancy Catherine, b. April 5, 1836.

viii. Sally Margaret, b. August 10, 1838. She married Samuel Getman, and died in June, 1900.

ix. Matthew, b. June 21, 1842. He was a soldier in the Civil War, on the Union side. He died at Petersburg, Virginia, June 17, 1864.

F O U R T H G E N E R A T I O N

29. HENRY I. ECKLER (Henry-8, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). The eldest son of Henry Eckler was born January 29, 1795 (Lutheran St. Paul's Church record) or February 28, 1795 (gravestone). He was baptized on February 8; his sponsors were Heinrich Deygert and Margretha Eckler. He married Elizabeth Shaul, probably the daughter of Matthias and Mary Shaul, about 1816; she was born November 29, 1793. Henry died on July 9, 1869; Elizabeth died March 23, 1865. They are buried in the Van Hornesville Cemetery.

One county history states that Henry I. Eckler served in the War of 1812. However, no other record of this service has been found.

Henry I. was a farmer in Stark Township. He lived on the Eckler homestead at Willsey Hill; the farm was sold to him by his parents Henry and Maria in 1834. His great-grandson Percy Eckler owns the farm today. In the front yard is a huge elm tree which Henry I. brought over from the Chyle as a sprout. In the 1850 and 1860 censuses, Henry I. was living in Stark Township; in 1860, his farm was worth $7,000.

Children:

88. i. Matthias, b. August 6, 1817.

89. ii. Isaac, b. December 31, 1817. One of these birth dates is incorrect.

90. iii. Abram, b. August 23, 1819.

91. iv. Henry H., b. October 10, 1822 (gravestone) or December 10, 1822 (Reformed Dutch Church of Fort Plain record).

92. v. Margaret, b. 1823.

93. vi. John, b. January 12, 1826.
94. vii. Mary, b. about 1828.
95. viii. Elizabeth Shaul, b. September 5, 1830.
ix. Sally Ann (Sarah), b. June 29, 1832. She married (1) Jeremiah Shaul and (2) John N. Glover. He was born June 12, 1822 and died June 10, 1888. She was living with her parents in Stark Township at the time of the 1850 and 1860 censuses; in her later years, she lived at Hartwick, N.Y. with her second husband. She died at Hartwick on December 13, 1905; she and her second husband John N. Glover are buried in the village cemetery.
96. x. Levi, b. about 1835.

30. JACOB ECKLER (Henry-8, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). The second son of Henry and Maria was born August 12, 1796; his sponsors were Jacob and Eva Young. He married Joann ( ), who was born about 1798; he died in the 1860s.

Little is known about Jacob; he was a farmer in Cherry Valley Township, Otsego County, at the time of the 1850 and 1860 censuses. His father Henry lived with him from the 1840s until his death after 1860.

Children:

i. Christina, b. about 1831.
ii. Alvin, b. about 1833. He was a farm laborer in Cherry Valley Township in 1870, according to the census; his wife, Martha ( ), was born about 1842. They had two children: Anna, born about 1862, and Minnie, born about 1864.
iii. Catharina, b. about 1836.
iv. Delia, b. about 1839.
v. Moses, b. about 1839.

31. ELIZABETH ECKLER (Jacob-9, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). The eldest daughter of Jacob Eckler was born August 17, 1799 (Lutheran St. Paul's Church record) or August 22, 1799 (gravestone). She married Nicholas Countryman, son of Nicholas and Christina (Oathout) Countryman of Herkimer County, about 1816. He was born January 1, 1800 (Countryman genealogy) or January 31, 1800 (gravestone). Nicholas died December 3, 1873; Elizabeth outlived him, dying April 10, 1880. They are buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Fordsbush, Minden Township, N.Y.

It is quite likely that Nicholas' date of birth is in error; according to the date on his stone, he was only sixteen when he married.

Nicholas and Elizabeth lived in Stark, Herkimer County, while raising their family; in 1846, they moved to New Haven, Connecticut, where Nicholas became an "extensive builder and contracter." In their old age, they returned to New York and resided at Fordsbush, Minden Township.

Children: (Countryman)

97. i. Jacob, b. March 25, 1817.

ii. Mary Ann. She married Dewitt Richardson and had children Henry, Leroy, and Julius. The children were living in 1925.

98. iii. Nicholas, b. October 24, 1825.

iv. Lydia, died at the age of two.

v. Nehemiah, one of triplets. He had children Mary E., D. Emily, Orein S., Garrett S. (living in Flint, Michigan in 1925), Charles, Flora, and Addie.

99. vi. Asa.

vii. Caroline, married John H. Cronkhite. She is buried in the Mount Hope Cemetery. They had two children; both died young.

viii. Alfred, born in Stark, N.Y. He married Alvira Sweatland, and lived at Niagara Falls. He was a mason; they had no children.

100. ix. Paul.

101. x. Elizabeth, b. April 29, 1836.

xi. Eliza, b. 1838. She married Alonzo Sanders and died in St. Johnsville, N.Y. on April 17, 1922. They had no children; she is buried in the Mount Hope Cemetery at Fordsbush.

32. JACOB ECKLER (Jacob-9, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). He was born in Warren on April 16, 1802 (Lutheran St. Paul's Church record) or April 18, 1802 (county history); his sponsors were Georg and Margretha Vederly. He married Sarah Gardner, of Pittsford, on February 27, 1822; she was born October 19, 1803. Sarah died June 8, 1874; Jacob was living as late as 1879.

About 1810, Jacob went to Monroe County, N.Y. with his father; he settled on a 60-acre farm in Mendon Township at the time of his marriage. Apparently Jacob inherited his father's restlessness; between 1810 and 1830, he made three trips back to his grandfather Henry's home in Warren, and farmed awhile in neighboring Pittsford Township. He settled down for good in 1842, acquiring a 142-acre farm in Mendon; he and his family were living on this farm when the 1850 census-taker came around.

Children:

i. Celinda, b. February 17, 1823. She married A.E. Rowel on April 17, 1845, and died December 10, 1863. She had one child Emma.

102. ii. Abram, b. December 14, 1826.

iii. Elijah, b. January 7, 1833. He married Augusta L. Jenks on March 3, 1855 and had the following children: George, Charles, Minnie, Ida, Fred, Frank, and Burton.

iv. Laura May, b. June 14, 1836. She was living at home in 1877, unmarried.

v. Henry M. (also called Harry), b. April 8, 1841. On July 26, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, 108th Regiment, N.Y. Volunteers. His regiment was sent to Harper's Ferry, West Virginia; it took part in the Battle of Antietam in nearby Maryland. Harry contracted a fever and died at Bolivar Heights on October 31, 1862. His grave is at Mendon.

33. JOHN ECKLER (Jacob-9, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). He was born January 15, 1804; his sponsors were Friedrich and Elisabeth Brunner. He married Polly ( ), born about 1802.

John was six when his father Jacob moved from Herkimer County to Monroe County. In 1850, he and his family were living in Pittsford Township, Monroe County; John was a farmer. He was still living in 1879.

Children:

i. Jerod M., b. about 1837.
ii. Mary J., b. about 1838.

34. BENJAMIN ECKLER (Jacob-9, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). This son of Jacob and Christina was born on March 6, 1808; Peter and Christina Eckler were his sponsors. He married Rebecca, born about 1816 in Canada.

Benjamin was two years old when his father moved from Herkimer to Monroe County. At the time of the 1850 and 1860 censuses, Benjamin was one of the more prosperous farmers of Penfield Township, Monroe County -- in 1860, his farm was worth $10,000.

Children:

i. James E., b. about 1835.
ii. Albert E., b. about 1837.
iii. Andrew J., b. about 1841. In 1860, he was a farm laborer living with his parents.

35. MARY ANN FETTERLY (Margretha(Eckler) Fetterly-10, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). She was born November 26, 1819. On December 20, 1841, she married Richard Shaul; he was born April 21, 1816, and died at Stark in December of 1881.

Richard was a farmer in Stark Township; his farm was located at the Squak, a half-mile north of Van Hornesville.

Children: (Shaul)

i. Margaret, b. April, 1843 at Stark. She died on May 6, 1843.
ii. Samantha, b. July 10, 1844. She died at Stark on July 6, 1845.
103. iii. Diantha, b. June 22, 1845.
iv. Rose, b. September 16, 1849. She married Charles Walworth and died on April 23, 1875. She had two children: Charles R. and Carrie Belle.
104. v. Amelia, b. October 8, 1851.
vi. George H., b. February 4, 1854 at Stark. He never married, and died at Stark on February 2, 1874.
vii. Mary Ella, b. June 2, 1856. She married Gershem Smith in February, 1874. They had one child Arthur, born April 18, 1877, at Stark.
viii. Marcella, b. August 13, 1859. She never married.

36. ANN E. SMITH (Elizabeth (Eckler) Smith-11, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). She was born about 1818. She married Elias Hicks, who was born about 1808.

At the time of the 1850 census, Elias was a storekeeper in Stark Township.

Children: (Hicks)

i. Benjamin, b. about 1839.
ii. Hannah E., b. about 1841.
iii. Amanda M., b. about 1844.
iv. John N., b. about 1846.
v. Levi, b. about 1849.

37. HENRY ECKLER (John-12, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). The eldest son of John was born September 22, 1805. He married Eleanor Wickoff (also spelled Wyckoff), daughter of Rev. Garrett and Elizabeth (Von Horne) Wickoff, on February 2, 1831. She was born September 13, 1812. Henry died in Jefferson, Ohio, on August 17, 1867. They are buried in Ohio.

Henry and Eleanor were living in Warren Township at the time of the 1850 and 1860 censuses; he was a farmer. Between 1860 and Henry's death in 1867, they moved to Ohio.

Children:

i. Emily A., b. February 8, 1832. She married James W. Primmer on April 8, 1852. They had no children.
ii. Ann, b. November 20, 1837. She died November 22, 1837, and is buried in the Methodist Church Cemetery near Bloomfield, N.Y.
105. iii. Menzo A., b. August 22, 1838.
iv. Albert Henry, b. April 7, 1846. He died September 8, 1846, and is buried in the cemetery near Bloomfield.

38. THOMAS ECKLER (John-12, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Thomas was born January 22, 1808; his sponsors were Thomas and Maria Van Horne. He married Vesta Jane Hurlburt (or Hulburt) on November 25, 1838. She was born November 3, 1815, and died March 9, 1890. Thomas preceded her, dying on February 13, 1888 (family record) or February 15, 1888 (gravestone). They are buried in the cemetery at Springfield Center, N.Y.

Thomas was a farmer in the Chyle settlement; the 1850 and 1860 censuses list him in Warren Township. He was fairly prosperous, owning a farm worth $6,000 in 1850. In 1866, he retired from active farming and bought a house in West Village, Springfield Township. He was living there at the time of the 1870 census. In 1879, when historian Lyman C. Draper was corresponding with the Ecklers, Thomas sent him a list of Captain Henry Eckler's living grandchildren.

Children:

i. Eugene H., b. November 2, 1840. He died December 26, 1864, of "quick consumption." He was engaged to marry Catharine (Kate) Frost; she had even bought her wedding-dress. He is buried with his parents at Springfield Center.
106. ii. Mary Jane, b. December 12, 1844 (family record) or December 20, 1844 (gravestone).
iii. George B., b. April 7, 1850. He died January 12, 1851, and is buried with his parents in the Springfield Center Cemetery.

39. CHRISTINA ECKLER (John-12, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). The eldest daughter of John and Sophia was born March 6, 1809; her sponsors were Theobald Eckler and Magdalena Van Horne. She married George Springer, son of Loadwick (or Ludwig) and Maria (Coons) Springer of Van Hornesville, in March, 1832. He was born February 13, 1805, in Stark Township. Christina died August 24, 1865; George married Juliette Gross as his second wife, and died in Stark Township in June, 1882.

George and Christina lived in Stark Township, where he owned a 250-acre farm. Politically, George was a Whig; later he became a Republican. He was active in public affairs, serving as township supervisor for nine terms. "In 1861, he represented the company, and was very active in raising troops and money."

Children: (Springer)

i. Mary, b. January 29, 1833. She died April 22, 1833.

107. ii. Martha, b. August 1, 1836.

iii. John, b. March 13, 1838. He died on March 17, 1839.

iv. Oliver H., b. September 16, 1840. He married Elizabeth Hall, daughter of Aleck and Jane (Mount) Hall, on October 22, 1861; they had no children. He died about 1916.

Oliver was raised on his father's farm, and was educated at the seminary. A gentleman farmer, he raised Holstein cows and grew hops on his father's farm. Active in politics, he served four terms as town supervisor. He was a member of the Utica Commandery of Masons. He lived in Starkville for many years; after his sister Martha died, he moved into her house at Richfield Springs.

40. JOHN ECKLER (John-12, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). He was born June 15, 1810 (Lutheran St. Paul's Church record) or June 16, 1810 (Van Horne genealogy, gravestone); his sponsors were George Shall Jr. and his wife Nellie. He married (1) Hannah Maria Van Denberg, on February 19, 1834; she was born February 18, 1817 and died on June 5, 1841. John married (2) Hannah Cronkhite, daughter of Cornelius and Eva Cronkhite, on April 24, 1842; she was born May 4, 1822 and died April 20, 1873. John outlived both his wives, dying on September 9, 1876. They are all buried in the Chyle Cemetery.

John Eckler inherited the old Eckler homestead on the Chyle and farmed there until his death. He was a resident of Springfield Township at the time of the 1860 and 1870 censuses; his farm was worth $10,000 in 1860.

Children: (by first wife)

i. Clarinda, b. February 24, 1836. She married William Henry Barker; for details on her family, see family 117.

108. ii. Orange, b. July 21, 1838.

iii. Van Denberg, b. April 18, 1841. He died November 19, 1863, and is buried in the Chyle Cemetery.

(by second wife)

iv. Foster, b. September 18, 1843. He died April 6, 1844, and is buried in the Chyle Cemetery.

109. v. Mary Etta, b. February 4, 1845.

110. vi. Lester C., b. March 1, 1847.

111. vii. Rosa A., b. September 9, 1849.

41. MARY ANN ECKLER (John-12, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Mary Ann was born December 25, 1815, at Springfield. She married Lyman Druse, son of James and Rachel (Denslow) Druse, at Springfield on December 28, 1836. He was born October 18, 1808 at Springfield, and died in the same town on October 28, 1874. Mary Ann outlived him, dying at Springfield on October 1, 1893. They are buried in the Chyle Cemetery.

Inheriting his father's homestead, Lyman was a farmer in the Chyle settlement; he was listed as a resident of Springfield Township in the 1850, 1860, and 1870 censuses. Lyman was quite active in town affairs; between 1836 and 1866, he held the town offices of Overseer of Highways, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Schools, and Town Assessor. Politically, he was a Democrat. He attended the Universalist Church.

In his will, dated June 30, 1874, Lyman gave the family homestead to his son John Wesley.

Children: (Druse)

i. Amenzo, b. June 5, 1839. He died September 11, 1847, and is buried with his parents in the Chyle Cemetery.

112. ii. Rachel Sophia, b. April 10, 1846.

iii. Caroline Amanda, b. October 2, 1848. She married Newman Barker; for details on her family, see family 118.

113. iv. John Wesley, b. April 3, 1852.

42. HENRY D. ECKLER (David-14, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). The eldest child of David and Maria was born December 28, 1811; Henrich and Christina Eckler were his sponsors. He married Margaret Ostrander, who was born about 1814, on October 24, 1838. He was living at the Chyle as late as 1879.

Henry D. was a farmer in the Chyle settlement; the census-taker listed him as a resident of Springfield Township. He lived next to his brother Alexander.

Children:

i. Philip, b. 1844 at Springfield.

ii. Leverett M., b. about 1845.

iii. Mary Eliza, b. about 1853.

43. ANNA MARIA ECKLER (David-14, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). She was born on April 4, 1813; her sponsors were Henry and Christina Springer. She married James Hopkinson, son of Richard and Alice Hopkinson of England, on January 6, 1841. James was born August 12, 1815, and died November 27, 1901. Anna outlived him, dying October 10, 1904. They are buried in the Springfield Center Cemetery.

James and Anna were living in the Chyle settlement in 1850; the census-taker listed them as residents of Springfield Township.

Children: (Hopkinson)

i. Richard H., b. 1844. He died in 1925 and is buried with his parents.

114. ii. William, b. July 27, 1845.
iii. Orville, b. about 1847.
iv. Mary E., b. January 15, 1853. She died in 1869, and is buried with her parents.
v. Catharine, b. June 23, 1855. She died January 5, 1862, and is buried with her parents.

44. JOHN D. ECKLER (David-14, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). This son of David Eckler was born on March 28, 1820. He married Celinda Young, daughter of George Young, on June 6, 1841. They moved to Leslie, Michigan, where John is buried.

Children:
i. Edith. She died young.
ii. Lewis D.
iii. Jennie. She married Victor Hawkins and had a daughter Ellen, who married a man named McDuff and lived in Flint, Michigan.

45. CHRISTINA ECKLER (David-14, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Christina, whose name was also spelled Christiana, was named for her grandmother. She was born on January 18, 1824. She married (1) Egbert Fuller, who was born in 1822 and died at sea in 1847, She married (2) Jacob Woleben on November 17, 1849. Christina died in 1910, and is said to be buried in the Chyle Cemetery. She has no stone.

Children: (by first husband, Fuller)
115. i. Julia, b. May 4, 1845.
(by second husband, Woleben)
ii. Henry M., b. May 12, 1854. He lived in Utica, and is buried at North Columbia.

46. FANNY ECKLER (David-14, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Fanny, the fifth daughter of David, was born June 18, 1826. She married Richard Eckler, who was born about 1826, on March 9, 1852. At the time of the 1870 census, Richard was a farmer in Middlefield Township, Otsego County.

Children:
i. Henry, b. about 1852.
ii. Alice, b. about 1856.

47. SOPHIA ECKLER (David-14, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). She was born February 14, 1828, the daughter of David and Maria Eckler. On March 13, 1849, she married Harvey Young, son of John and Margaret (Warner) Young. Harvey was born in 1826 and died on October 1, 1901. Sophia died in 1914; they are buried in the Chyle Cemetery.

In David Eckler's family Bible, there is listed a child named "Olive Samantha," born February 14, 1828. Apparently, this was a preliminary name for Sophia, who was not on this list of David's children.

In the 1870 census, Harvey was living in Warren Township. He was a farmer in the Chyle settlement.

Children: (Young)
116. i. Lyman D., b. 1852.
ii. Orange J., b. 1864. He died in 1871, and is buried in the Chyle Cemetery with his parents.

48. ALEXANDER ECKLER (David-14, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). He was born January 4, 1836. On January 13, 1858, he married Maria Burst, who was born about 1841.

Alexander was a farmer in Springfield Township at the time of the 1860 and 1870 censuses; he lived in the Chyle settlement next to his brother Henry D. In 1870, his widowed mother Maria and younger brother Jeremiah were living with him.

Child:
i. Rosa, b. about 1859.

49. SARAH ECKLER (Benjamin-15, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). The second daughter of Benjamin and Mary was born about 1813. She married David Barker, son of Lyman Barker, about 1835; he was born about 1811. Sarah died in 1894; David died in 1879.

"Widely known and esteemed for his many good qualities," David was a farmer in Pittsford Township, Monroe County. In the 1850 census, his farm was worth $7,800. The Monroe County history goes on to say that David "added largely to the town besides acquiring a large property for his own family."

Children: (Barker)
i. Lyman M., b. about 1836. He died in 1875.
117. ii. William Henry, b. March 16, 1837.
iii. George R., b. about 1839.
iv. Benjamin, b. about 1841.
118. v. Newman, b. May 1, 1842.
vi. Clarence, b. about 1848. The 1850 census report lists him as attending school, perhaps an exhibition of unusual precocity but more likely a slip of the census-taker's pen. He farmed on his father's homestead, and was living there as late as 1895.

50. MATILDA ECKLER (Benjamin-15, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). She was born about 1814, and married Heman Lusk, son of Stephen and Sarah (Hencher) Lusk, in 1849-50. Heman was born August 8, 1812, and died soon after his marriage, in 1856. Matilda was living in 1878.

At the time of the 1850 census, Heman and Matilda were living with his parents in the Lusk homestead in Pittsford Township, Monroe County. In 1878, Matilda resided at the Lusk homestead.

Children: (Lusk)
i. Franklin B.
ii. Stephen.
iii. Heman.

51. DAVID ECKLER (Benjamin-15, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). The eldest son of Benjamin was born about 1820. He married Emily ( ), who was also born about 1820. At the time of the 1850 census, he was living near his father in Mendon Township, Monroe County; his farm was worth $7,000.

Children:
i. Henry, b. about 1843.
ii. David, b. about 1846.

52. JOHN ECKLER (Benjamin-15, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). The second son of Benjamin and Mary was born at Mendon, Monroe County, on February 12, 1824. He married (1) Harriet Sherwood, daughter of Somers Sherwood, in 1847; she was born about 1823 and died in 1877. After her death, John married (2) Sarah McGee.

John was a farmer in Pittsford Township at the time of the 1850 census; he owned several farms originally belonging to his father.

Children:
i. Sarah L. She married Charles Tobie.
ii. Somers S.
iii. Berton B.
iv. Carrie A. She married James A. La Leur.
v. Harriet. She married William Hanna.
vi. Son.

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53. MASON ECKLER (Benjamin-15, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). He was born about 1827, and married Julia ( ), who was born about 1826. At the time of the 1850 census, Mason lived near his father in Mendon Township; his farm was worth $5,000.

Child:
i. William H., b. about 1849.

54. WILLIAM DELOS ECKLER (Christopher-16, Christopher-4, Hendrick-1). He was born October 18, 1816. He married Catharine Eckler, daughter of Christian and Hannah (Crim) Eckler (see family 17); she was born September 2, 1820 and died on February 23, 1894. William died on July 10, 1874. They are buried near both sets of parents in the Chyle Cemetery.

William was living on a farm in Warren Township next to his brother-in-law James Eckler at the time of the 1860 and 1870 censuses.

Child:
i. William Carey, b. about 1858. He was called "Carey," and lived on his father's homestead at the Chyle. He

married Dora Crim, daughter of Absalom and Angeline (Youngs) Crim, and they had a son Alfred. He died in infancy in January of 1880, and is buried in the Chyle Cemetery. He has no stone.

55. ELIZABETH ECKLER (Christian-17, John-5, Hendrick-1). She was born March 2, 1815. She married Henry Young, daughter of John Christian Young and Margaret Young of Minden Township; he was born May 26, 1809, and died August 28, 1881. Elizabeth outlived him by nearly ten years, dying March 27, 1891. They are buried in the Chyle Cemetery.

At the time of the 1850 census, Henry and Elizabeth were living in the Chyle settlement; their Springfield Township farm was worth $8,000. One of Elizabeth's grand-nieces recalls that she was known as "Aunt Liz."

Children: (Young)

i. James H. He married Sarah Eaton.
ii. Charlotte. She married Peter Gadient; they had one son George H., who married Elizabeth ( ) and died August 11, 1922.
119. iii. Daniel, b. June 23, 1845.

56. VOLKERT P. ECKLER (Daniel-18, John-5, Hendrick-1). Also known as Volcott, the only son of Daniel was born April 10, 1823. He married Eliza A. Krum; she was born in 1831 and died in 1911. Volkert died September 20, 1894; he and Eliza are buried in the cemetery at Springfield Center.

Volkert was living with his parents in Warren Township at the time of the 1850, 1860, and 1870 censuses. Their farm was in the Chyle settlement.

Child:

i. Bertha M., b. December 18, 1866. She married a man named Sanders and died March 25, 1936. She is buried with her father in the Springfield Center cemetery.

57. ALLEN ECKLER (Peter-19, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Allen was born in 1818; he married Eliza Ann Guiwits before 1850. Eliza was born in 1825 and died in 1908; Allen died a year earlier, in 1907. They are buried in the Van Hornesville Cemetery.

In 1850, Allen and his wife were living with their parents in Springfield Township. They moved to Van Hornesville in the 1850s and lived in a house on the Willsey Hill road. In 1870, Allen's house was worth $7,000.

Children:

i. Alice, b. June 30, 1852. She died February 14, 1858, and is buried with her parents.
ii. Alfa (or Alpha) A., b. about November, 1859. On September 7, 1880, she married Walter H. Shumway, son of Joseph and Cornelia (Van Horne) Shumway of Van Hornesville. Walter was born at Van Hornesville on April 22, 1858.

They had no children. Alfa died in the spring of 1946.
120. iii. Richard, b. June 17, 1863.

58. LEVI ECKLER (Peter-19, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Levi was born January 6, 1821; his sponsors were his parents. He married Margaret Shaver, daughter of Nicholas Shaver of Van Hornesville. Levi and Margaret are buried in the Lakeview Cemetery at Richfield Springs; they have no stone.

Levi and his family were living in Springfield Township next to his father's farm at the time of the 1850 and 1860 censuses. He owned two farms near Allen's Lake. In addition to farming, Levi ran several boarding houses and a livery stable in Richfield Springs.

Child:
121. i. Adelade, b. April 19, 1854.

59. PETER ECKLER (John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). The eldest child of John and Magdalena was born August 25, 1811 (Van Horne genealogy) or November 8, 1811 (Lutheran St. Paul's Church record) in Stark; his sponsors were Peter and Christina Eckler. He married Salina Monroe on December 25, 1833.

Children:
i. Daniel, b. August 17, 1837, at Avon. He married Maggie Haiden on March 2, 1879.
ii. Wallace, b. June 28, 1840, at Avon. He married Sarah Kidder on August 19, 1862. He was a Union soldier in the Civil War, dying at Andersonville Prison in 1864.
122. iii. Helen, b. June 25, 1843.
iv. Marinda, b. July 28, 1845, at Avon. She never married.
123. v. Sophronia, b. August 30, 1847.

60. THOMAS ECKLER (John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Thomas was born in Stark on September 4, 1815; he married Julia Welch. He was a Methodist minister at Orleans, N.Y.

Children:
124. i. Mary Jane, b. October 5, 1837.
125. ii. George, b. January 7, 1842.
126. iii. Harrison, b. November 10, 1843.
iv. Thomas Franklin, b. January 18, 1847, at Potsford, N.Y. He died January 8, 1848.
v. Benjamin Frank, b. December 13, 1849, at Carlton, N.Y. He died April 7, 1852.

61. MARY ANN ECKLER (John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). The eldest daughter of John Eckler was born July 1, 1817 (her gravestone incorrectly gives the date as July 1, 1818), in Stark. She married Christian C. Bronner, son of Christian and Hannah (Fetterly) Bronner, on March 26, 1837. Christian was born on January 17, 1814, and died October 19, 1893 (gravestone) or October 20, 1899 (Bronner records). Mary Ann died on

December 18, 1898; they are buried in the Squak Cemetery, not far from Captain Henry Eckler (2).

Unlike many of her fifteen brothers and sisters, Mary Ann did not go west with her parents. She and Christian settled in Stark Township, where he was living at the time of the 1850 census. He was a laborer.

Children: (Bronner)

127. i. Anderson, b. January 24, 1838.
ii. Orlando, b. March 8, 1839, at Stark. He died August 19, 1839.
128. iii. Lovina, b. September 22, 1840.
iv. Julia C., b. May 3, 1843.
v. Manly D., b. April 17, 1844, at Stark. He married Catharine Atwood.
vi. Horatio, b. February 17, 1846, in Stark. He was a Union soldier in the Civil War, dying May 12, 1864.
vii. Edwin, b. December 18, 1847, at Stark. He married Anna E. Newing on October 21, 1877. They had one child Grace, who was born on February 24, 1879, and died September 1, 1881.
viii. Martin, b. March 29, 1849. He married Deette Windslow on December 30, 1872.
ix. George C., b. March 10, 1851, at Stark. He married Ida Monroe on October 3, 1880.
x. Solomon, b. November 16, 1852, at Stark. He died November 2, 1857, at Stark.
xi. Seeber L., b. January 3, 1855, at Stark. He moved to Michigan in 1879.
xii. Lewis, b. October 2, 1856, at Stark. He died March 6, 1858.
xiii. Arlington, b. May 21, 1858, at Stark. He died October 3, 1878.

62. CHRISTIANA ECKLER (John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). She was born at Avon, N.Y., on September 25, 1819. On October 11, 1836, she married Captain Joel De Haven at Avon. Joel was born in 1817 near Philadelphia, and died about 1908 near Farmington, Michigan. Christiana died in 1912 at Bangor, Michigan, at the advanced age of ninety-three.

Children: (De Haven)

129. i. Joel, b. December 7, 1837.
130. ii. Christiana, b. July 6, 1839.
iii. David, b. January 12, 1841. He never married. He was a Union soldier in the Civil War, dying of disease in August of 1864, at Libby Prison, Memphis, Tennessee. He is buried in the National Cemetery at Memphis.
131. iv. John E., b. May 29, 1843.
132. v. Flora, b. April 5, 1845.
133. vi. Malinda, b. October 24, 1847.
134. vii. Levi, b. August 6, 1852.
135. viii. Lillian, b. July 7, 1861.

63. MARGARET ECKLER (John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). She was born in Genesee County, N.Y., on February 14, 1821. She married Calvin J. Bigelow on January 8, 1840.

Children: (Bigelow)
136. i. Caroline, b. October 18, 1840.
137. ii. Julia, b. January 1, 1843.
138. iii. William, b. May 15, 1846.
139. iv. James, b. August 15, 1847.

64. SOPHRONIA ECKLER (John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). She was born at Avon on January 2, 1825. On July 4, 1849, she married Andrew Whiteman.

Children: (Whiteman)
140. i. J( ) C( ), b. December 3, 1850.
ii. Leroy, b. August 25, 1857, at Arbela, Michigan.
iii. Hattie M., b. June 2, 1869, at Arlington, Michigan.

65. LUCINDA ECKLER (John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). She was born January 27, 1827, at Avon; she married George Meabon on October 5, 1845.

Children: (Meabon)
i. James Albert, b. October 11, 1846, at Arlington. He died on August 1, 1857.
141. ii. John Andrew, b. December 15, 1848.
iii. George Willis, b. July 12, 1850, at Arlington; he died September 18, 1853.
iv. Mary Helen, b. April 6, 1852, at Arlington. She died September 22, 1853, four days after her brother George.
v. Cynthia Jane, b. February 11, 1854, at Arlington; she died April 23, 1879.
vi. Florence Mariah, b. February 17, 1856, at Arlington. She married H. D. Harvey on October 10, 1877, and died at Arlington on September 27, 1878, less than a year after her marriage.
142. vii. Martha Lucinda, b. August 29, 1857.
viii. Benjamin F., b. July 26, 1860, at Arlington.
ix. Fred Allen, b. March 28, 1863, at Arlington.

66. MALINDA ECKLER (John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Malinda, the daughter of John Eckler, was born January 30, 1829, at Avon. She married John Voorhees on September 15, 1851, and died at Lyons, Michigan on April 16, 1865.

Children: (Voorhees)
i. Lewis, b. January 25, 1853, at Lyons.
ii. Wallace, b. December 15, 1855.
iii. Frank, b. October 13, 1857.

67. B. DIGHTON ECKLER (John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). He was born at Avon on January 25, 1840. He married Elizabeth (or Betsy) Gilbert on September 4, 1861, and served as a Union soldier in the Civil War. Both

he and his wife were living in North Dakota in 1916.

Children:

i. Alfred, b. August 16, 1862. In 1914, he was living in Santa Cruze, California; he had one son and one daughter.
ii. Cora D., b. June 4, 1866, at Arlington.
iii. Thomas E., b. July 24, 1867, at Bangor. He died in Bangor on March 1, 1873.

68. NOAH ECKLER (John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Noah, the youngest of the sixteen children of John and Magdalena Eckler, was born at Avon on October 9, 1842. He married Ella Lusk on December 22, 1875. He was a minister at Fredonia, N.Y.

Children:

i. Charles, b. November 25, 1876.
ii. Thomas.
iii. George. He, too, was a minister.

69. WILLIAM ECKLER (Henry-22, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). The eldest son of Henry was born in 1824 in Herkimer County. He married Susan Matilda Hall about 1843; she was born about 1826.

At the time of the 1850 census, William and his family were living on a farm in Warren Township; he was a laborer. By 1851, he had moved out to Iowa, settling in Clay Township, Jones County.

In 1879, William owned a farm of 212 acres in Section 17. He and his wife were members of the Free-will Baptist Church; he was on the Board of Trustees. William was a Republican. According to a Jones County history, he was "elected to several offices of honor and trust, all of which he discharged the duties of with credit to himself and general satisfaction to the public. All his life, he has been very liberal in support of religious and charitable institutions."

Children:

i. William A., b. about 1844. He married Charlotte Wilcox and lived in Taylor County.
ii. Jane A., b. about 1848. She married George Hannas, a Union soldier in the Civil War.
143. iii. Roseltha, b. about 1851.
iv. Josephine. She married A( ) Robinson.
v. James A.

70. JEREMIAH ECKLER (Henry-22, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Jeremiah Eckler, nicknamed "Jerry," was born at Little Lakes, Warren Township, on April 2, 1824. He married Cordelia (or Delia) Osterhout, daughter of Jadob and Polly M. (Devoe) Osterhout, about 1845; she was born in Warren about 1826. Jeremiah Eckler died in 1911; Cordelia died in 1908. They are buried near Jerry's parents in Springfield Center Cemetery.

Jeremiah was a farmer in Warren Township. In 1861, he bought a 250-acre farm at "Eckler's Corners," a country crossroads about a mile

from the Chyle settlement. He was one of the most prosperous farmers in the area; in 1870, his farm was worth $20,000. He built a cheese factory which was producing 250 pounds of cheese per week by 1893. Politically, Jeremiah was a Democrat.

Children:

i. Delilah, b. about 1846. She married Horatio Moyer.
144. ii. Isaiah, b. November 10, 1847.
iii. Irvin, b. about 1850. He lived at Little Lakes.
145. iv. William, b. 1854.
v. Esther. She died in infancy.
146. vi. Harvey, b. about September, 1859.

71. HENRY ECKLER (Henry-22, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Henry, son of Henry and Lydia Eckler, was born about 1827. He married Ann Osterhout, daughter of Jacob and Polly M. (Devoe) Osterhout, about 1848. They are buried in unmarked graves in the Squak Cemetery.

In 1850, Henry and his family were living on a farm in Springfield Township, not far from the Chyle; in 1860 and 1870, they were living in Stark Township. He was a farm laborer.

Children:

i. Olive, b. about 1848.
ii. Alvina, b. about March, 1849.
iii. Henry, b. about 1856. He had a son Isaiah, who lives at Springfield Center.
iv. George, b. about 1858. He lived in Stark, and had children Alma and Victor.
v. Roseltha, b. about 1859.
vi. Horatio S., b. about 1863. He lived in Stark, and had children Vaughan, Floyd, and Harry.
147. vii. William Palmer, b. January 3, 1865.

72. NELSON ECKLER (Benjamin-23, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Nelson was born at Warren on January 11, 1829. He married Louisa Hull, daughter of William and Polly (Scribner) Hull, on March 14, 1854; she was born in Otsego Township on February 4, 1829. They were living in 1895.

Nelson farmed his father's homestead in Middlefield Township, Otsego County. He was a Democrat and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Children:

148. i. William Clarence, b. October 19, 1855.
ii. Leon L., b. April 4, 1859. He married Anna Coffin on March 26, 1886. An active Democrat in township affairs, he was the Middlefield Town Clerk for two years. He died on March 4, 1893.
iii. Nellie A., b. September 6, 1864. She married Covil S. Derrick, a Cooperstown musician, and had two sons.
iv. Emma E., b. September 19, 1866. She died at the age of five months.

73. A( ) ECKLER (Benjamin-23, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). This son of Benjamin was born on September 12, 1832. He married Mary J. Marsh, daughter of James and Sarah (Roberts) Marsh of England, about 1860. She was born September 30, 1837, in New York City. A( ) died on March 25, 1866; Mary married Charles A. Eckler (see family 75).

A( ) Eckler was a farmer in Middlefield Township. In 1870, his widow was living with his brothers Jeremiah, Charles, and Elias, on a farm worth $9,500.

Children:

i. Isabelle, b. June 14, 1863. On August 12, 1884, she married Arthur Borst, son of David I. and Helena (Cook) Borst. He was a merchant in Oneonta, N.Y.
ii. Cora M., b. about 1861. She married R. Stanton, had a child Maud M., and died about 1885.

74. LORENZO ECKLER (Benjamin-23, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). He was born November 4, 1834, and married Phoebe J. Pay, daughter of Mary Pay, on January 1, 1861. She was born about 1843, and died on August 11, 1884, at the age of forty-one. He was living in 1895.

Lorenzo purchased a farm with his brothers and settled on it for a few years; later, he bought a farm of 100 acres in Middlefield Township. His Middlefield farm was worth $5,000 at the time of the 1870 census.

Children:

i. Frank P., b. October 17, 1861. He married and had at least one son.
ii. William H., b. June 16, 1863. He married and had at least one son.
iii. Horace, b. about 1866. He probably died young.
iv. Owen, b. May 5, 1868. He married and had at least one daughter.
v. Effie, b. August 22, 1870.
vi. Bertha S., b. December 15, 1874.
vii. Lena M., b. April 6, 1882.

75. CHARLES A. ECKLER (Benjamin-23, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Charles was born at Otsego on December 16, 1842. He married Mary J. Marsh on December 25, 1872. The daughter of James and Sarah (Roberts) Marsh of England, she was born in New York City on September 30, 1837. Mary's first husband was A( ) Eckler, brother to Charles (see family 73). Both Charles and Mary were living in 1895.

Charles settled on his father's 150-acre farm in Middlefield Township; according to an Otsego County history, he was a "progressive agriculturist." He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

76. JACOB ACKLER (Jacob-25, Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). Jacob, the eldest son of Jacob and Catharine, was born in Warren Township on July 11, 1812; his sponsors were George Eckler and Elisabeth Bell. On August 17, 1834,

he married Delila (or Delia) Getman, daughter of Henry and Catharine (Miller) Getman; she was born June 14, 1817. Jacob was living in 1893.

Jacob was a "carpenter and joiner" at the time of his marriage. At the time of the 1850 census, he was a farmer in German Flats Township; ten years later, he was living in Columbia Township.

Children:

i. Matilda, b. about 1838.
ii. Nelson, b. about 1839. In 1860, he was a schoolteacher, living with his parents.
iii. Deborah, b. about 1841.
iv. Martha, b. about 1849.
v. John A., b. July 29, 1853, at Columbia. He married Belle Manning, daughter of Elijah Manning of Columbia. They were living in Columbia in 1893.
vi. Alice, b. about 1858.

77. DAVID ACKLER (Jacob-25, Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). David was born in Columbia Township on February 5, 1816; his sponsors were George Frederick and Maria Christmann. He married Mary Edick, daughter of Henry and Mary Margaret (Crim) Edick; she was born November 26, 1823.

David was a farmer in Columbia Township at the time of the 1850 and 1870 censuses. In the 1850 census report, he was listed as a laborer living on a farm next door to his father.

Children:

i. Joseph, b. about 1846.
ii. Warren, b. about 1849.
iii. Jane A., b. about 1854.
iv. Clara, b. about 1856.
v. Mary, b. about 1859.
vi. Emanuel, b. about 1861.
vii. Cora M., b. about 1865.

78. PHILIP J. ACKLER (Jacob-25, Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). Philip, the youngest son of Jacob and Catharine, was born March 17, 1830. On February 9, 1851, he married Melissa Jones. She was born September 26, 1833, and died in 1925; Philip J. died in 1914.

Philip was a farmer in Columbia Township at the time of the 1860 and 1870 censuses; in 1860, he was living next door to his father Jacob.

Children:

i. Emma J., b. June 10, 1852.
ii. Benjamin, b. November 26, 1853.
149. iii. Henry Philo, b. July 8, 1855.
iv. Jessie, b. August 7, 1857.
v. William, b. July 26, 1859.
vi. Judson, b. May 10, 1861.
vii. Mary, b. March 17, 1863.
viii. Cornelia, b. April 5, 1865.
ix. Jacob, b. January 20, 1867.

x. Curtis, b. February 9, 1869.
xi. Chester, b. June 6, 1871.
xii. Julia, b. October 5, 1874.
xiii. Lillie, b. October 11, 1876.
xiv. Daisy, b. October 13, 1878.

79. JOSIAH ACKLER (George-26, Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). Josiah, the second son of George and Elizabeth, was born at Columbia on March 6, 1816; his sponsors were Jacob and Catharine Eckler. He married Nancy Ittigh (present-day spelling is Edick) about 1836; she was born about 1820.

Josiah was a farmer in German Flats Township at the time of the 1850 and 1870 censuses; he was living near his uncle Leonard in 1850.

Children:

i. Mary Catharine, b. August 26, 1837, at German Flatts. Her sponsors were Jacob C. and Catharina Ittigh.
ii. Jacob David, b. September 25, 1838, at Columbia. His sponsors were David Eckler and Dorothea Eckler of Columbia.
iii. Emeline (given as "Amalein" in the church record), b. March 10, 1840, at German Flats. Her sponsors were Philip Eckler and Deborah Eckler of Columbia.
iv. George Henry, b. July 19, 1841, at German Flats. His sponsors were Michael and Elisabeth Koller of German Flats.
v. Joseph, b. about 1842.
vi. Delia, b. about 1844.
vii. "Amarumsa," b. about 1846.
viii. Sidney, b. about 1848. He married Elizabeth ( ), who was born about 1848; in 1870, they were living with his father Josiah in German Flats. They had two sons: Eugene, b. about 1868, and William, b. in September, 1869.
ix. Jeremiah, b. in February, 1850.

80. PHILIP ACKLER (George-26, Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). Philip was born June 16, 1818; he married Elizabeth ( ), who was born about 1822. At the time of the 1850 census, he was a laborer in Columbia Township.

Child:

i. Charles W., b. about 1854.

81. JACOB ACKLER (George-26, Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). He was born about 1838. He married Barbara ( ), who was born about 1842. In 1870, he owned a farm in Columbia Township worth $3,600; according to the census, his widowed mother Elizabeth was living in his household.

Child:

i. Carrie, b. in January, 1870.

82. CATHARINE ACKLER (Adam-27, Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). The eldest child of Adam Ackler was born on July 2, 1821, at Columbia; her sponsors were Leonard and Catharina Eckler. She married George P. Haggerty, son of William and Elizabeth (Petrie) Haggerty, on September 26, 1841.

He was born on July 20, 1820.

Children: (Haggerty)
i. Mary C., b. April 13, 1842.
ii. James L., b. January 19, 1844.
iii. David W., b. August 21, 1845.

83. PHILO ACKLER (Adam-27, Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). He was born on April 30, 1831, at Columbia. He married Elizabeth ( ), who was born about 1835. They were living in Columbia Township in 1860; by 1870, he and his family had moved to German Flats Township. He was a carpenter by trade.

Children:
i. Julia M., b. about 1857.
ii. Charles B., b. about 1865.

84. JAMES LEWIS ACKLER (Adam-27, Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). James was born on September 16, 1833, at Columbia; his sponsors were Timothy Helmer and Eva Bartels. He married Elizabeth Van Alstine, daughter of Archibald and Maria (Haggerty) Van Alstine; she was born on July 20, 1833.

James and Elizabeth were living in Columbia Township in 1860 and 1870. In the 1860 census, James was listed as a day laborer living next to his father Adam; by 1870, Adam had died and his widow Catharine had moved in with James' family. His farm was worth $5,000.

Children:
i. Ella, b. about 1854.
ii. Adalaide, b. about 1857.

85. JACOB PHILO ACKLER (Leonard-28, Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). He was born either December 17, 1826 (Reformed Church of Columbia record) or December 17, 1827 (Bible record). He married Emily C. Edick, daughter of Henry and Mary Margaret (Crim) Edick; she was born on April 22, 1831.

Jacob Philo was a day laborer in Columbia Township, according to the 1860 census. He was living on a farm next to his brother Nicholas.

Children:
i. Ellen, b. about 1852.
ii. Charles, b. about 1854.

86. NICHOLAS ACKLER (Leonard-28, Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). Nicholas was born on July 24, 1831. He married Sophronia Edick, daughter of Henry and Mary Margaret (Crim) Edick; Sophronia was born April 12, 1839.

Nicholas was a farm laborer in Columbia Township, according to the 1860 census. He was living next to his brother Jacob Philo.

Child:
i. Jay, b. about 1858.

87. NANCY CATHERINE ACKLER (Leonard-28, Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). She was born at German Flats on April 5, 1836. She married Thomas Hamer, whose parents emigrated from Wales, on March 1, 1854. Thomas was born on September 1, 1832, at Frankfort, N.Y., and died August 3, 1907, at Lacona, N.Y. Nancy outlived him, dying at Lacona on June 27, 1922. They are buried in the Wesleyan Cemetery in Sandy Creek Township, Oswego County.

Thomas and Nancy moved from Herkimer County to Lacona, Oswego County, N.Y., and spent their lives there.

Children: (Hamer)

i. Warren. He died in childhood.

150. ii. Mary M., b. August 25, 1862.

iii. Cora Jeanette, b. July 7, 1864. She married Frederick Smart on August 29, 1880, and died May 21, 1946. They had no children.

iv. Mina, b. October 16, 1866. She married James Welch on March 1, 1887. They had one son Fayette, born in January, 1896. He is unmarried.

151. v. Thomas Ward, b. October 16, 1877.

F I F T H G E N E R A T I O N

88. MATTHIAS ECKLER (Henry I.-29, Henry-8, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). The eldest son of Henry I. Eckler was born on August 6, 1817. He married Charity Walrath, probably the daughter of Adolphus and Sophia (Moyer) of Oak Flats (near Starkville). Charity was born November 20, 1814, and died May 21, 1892. Matthias died July 6, 1889; they are buried in the North Columbia church cemetery.

Matthias was living in Stark Township in 1850, on a farm worth $3,000. In October, 1854, he moved to Columbia Township and resided there for the rest of his life. His Columbia farm, worth $7,800 in the 1870 census, is now in the possession of his grandson Arthur Eckler.

Matthias was a licensed exhorter and organized Methodist Sunday schools.

Children:

i. Phoebe (or Phebe), b. March 4, 1844. She married Eugene Doremus; her children were Cora Belle Avery and Irving Eugene Doremus. J. Samuel Avery of Ilion is a descendant.

ii. Ellen, b. February 17, 1845. She married Chauncey Seckner; her children were Wilmot Seckner, Milo Seckner of Columbia, Sherman Seckner of Ilion, and Elizabeth Myers.

iii. Clara, b. 1846. She married Oscar Woodard; they had no children.

iv. Sophia, b. October 7, 1848. She married Calvin Moyer.

v. Sanford, b. April 7, 1850. He married Clara Haggerty;

they had a son Claude, of Columbia.

vi. Emma, b. September 5, 1854. She married Erford H. Avery; they had a daughter Grace Hummell, of Ilion.

vii. Willard, b. November 17, 1856. He married Alice E. Ward; they had children Arthur of Utica, Pearl May, and Cleo. The last two children died young.

viii. Benjamin Abbott, b. November 23, 1858. He died at the age of twenty.

89. ISAAC ECKLER (Henry I.-29, Henry-8, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Isaac was born on December 31, 1817. He married Magdalena ( ) on September 23, 1838; she was born on February 25, 1819. Isaac died on December 26, 1850, just before his thirty-third birthday; Magdalena died two years later, on April 27, 1852. They are probably buried in Stark Township.

At the time of the 1850 census, Isaac and his family were living on a farm in Stark Township. After Magdalena's death, the surviving children of this couple were adopted by Isaac's brothers and sisters. George was brought up by his uncle, Levi Eckler.

Children:

i. Norman, b. January 29, 1839. He was a Union soldier in the Civil War, dying on May 6, 1864.

ii. Nathan, b. February 2, 1841. He died in February of 1851.

iii. Mary Jane, b. February 8, 1843. She married James Shader; they had two children, Minnie Hall of Hammondsport, N.Y., and Frank.

iv. Abraham, b. July 24, 1844. He died on January 29, 1852.

v. George, b. October 13, 1846. He married (1) Alma C. Haukenberry, and (2) Emma Peterson. His children included Clarence of Cohocton, N.Y., Willie M., Hattie House, Lena Crockston of Rochester, Floyd N., Orrin of Petersburg, Virginia, and Earnest of Rochester.

vi. Charles M., b. November 15, 1849. He died in August, 1850.

90. ABRAM ECKLER (Henry I.-29, Henry-8, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Abram was born on August 23, 1819. He married Betsey Maria Bronner, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Shaul) Bronner. She was born on February 17, 1823, and died on November 23, 1891. Abram died on September 11, 1899; they are buried in the Springfield Center Cemetery.

At the time of his marriage, Abram lived with his father on the Willsey Hill farm, Stark Township. On March 21, 1846, he bought a farm just outside Van Hornesville, and moved onto it before 1850. His grandson, A. Ross Eckler, owns this farm today. Abram was a successful farmer. According to an oft-repeated story, John M. Shaul, the previous owner, told Abram that he "couldn't raise white beans" on his newly-purchased farm. In spite of this prediction, Abram raised enough crops in his first year of farming to pay for the farm and show a little profit besides.

Children:

i. Lewis Frederick, b. July 31, 1847. He married Catharine Wagner; they had one daughter, Cora Tennant of Van Hornesville.

ii. Albert Henry, b. September 5, 1854. He married Mary Jane Young; their children were Lee, and Albert Ross of Washington, D.C. Lee died in infancy.

91. HENRY H. ECKLER (Henry I.-29, Henry-8, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). He was born October 10, 1822 (gravestone) or December 10, 1822 (Reformed Dutch Church of Fort Plain record); his sponsors were his parents. He married Lovina Shimel, daughter of Christian and Catharine (Shaul) Shimel, on June 17, 1846. Lovina died August 19, 1903; Henry H. followed her on September 8, 1910. They are buried in the Van Hornesville Cemetery next to Henry I. Eckler.

Henry H. was a farmer in Stark Township at the time of the 1850 and 1870 censuses. In 1870, his farm was worth $6,500. He inherited the Willsey Hill farm after Henry I.'s death in 1869. This farm is now owned by Henry H.'s grandson Percy Eckler; it has been in the hands of the Eckler family for more than one hundred and ten years -- a length of time equalled by few, if any, of the other Eckler farms.

Children:

i. Christian, b. June 20, 1850. He died in infancy.
ii. Catharine, b. May 26, 1851. She died on August 15, 1851.
iii. Roseltha, b. May 4, 1854. She died December 17, 1856, and is buried in the Shaul family cemetery on Willsey Hill.
iv. Alydia (or Alida), b. July 2, 1856. She married Abram Wagner; they had one child Arthur. Floyd Wagner, living at the Chyle, is a descendant.
v. Clinton Henry, b. November 12, 1858. He married Minnie Moyer; they had one son Percy, who lives on the Willsey Hill farm in Stark Township.
vi. Matilda, b. May 5, 1861. She married Jacob Monk; they had two children, Lena Monk and Clinton Monk, of Cooperstown. Dorothy Hopkins of Delmar, N.Y. and Beatrice Waller of Akron, Ohio are descendants.

92. MARGARET ECKLER (Henry I.-29, Henry-8, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Margaret, better known as Peggy, was born in 1823. She married Alexander Dillenbeck, son of Isaac and Nancy (Haus) Dillenbeck of Stark Township; he was born August 24, 1821. Peggy died in 1876; Alexander married Caroline Sharp as his second wife and died of old age in August of 1906, at Avoca, N.Y. Alex and Peggy are buried in Avoca.

Alexander moved from Herkimer County to a farm on Wheeler Hill, two miles from Avoca, Steuben County, N.Y., before 1850. They were living on a farm in Wheeler Township at the time of the 1850, 1860, and 1870 censuses; in 1870, Alex's farm was worth $3,000. After Peggy's death, Alexander moved to the town of Avoca.

Children: (Dillenbeck)

i. Margaret Roancy, b. February 5, 1848. She married John Cary; their children included Elizabeth May Knowles, Henry Cary, and Margaret Belle Robinson of Kanona, N.Y. Ethel May Robbins of Bath, N.Y., is a descendant.
ii. Elizabeth, b. 1850. She married Abram Hemus; they had two

sons Jay and Arthur. Arthur lives in Bath, N.Y.

iii. Isaac, b. about 1853. He married Alice Markham; they had no children.

93. JOHN ECKLER (Henry I.-29, Henry-8, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). John, the fifth son of Henry I., was born on January 12, 1826. He married Nancy M. Shaut, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Cramer) Shaut of Wheeler Township, on July 17, 1851. She was born August 15, 1834. Nancy died on November 16, 1908; John died on January 2, 1903. They are buried in the Highlands Cemetery at Avoca, N.Y.

John moved by ox-cart from his father's Stark Township homestead to Wheeler Township, Steuben County, in 1851. After marrying Nancy, he returned to Stark Township and farmed there for a few years. In 1858, he again moved out to Wheeler Township and bought a farm of 140 acres. Eight years later, he bought another farm and settled on it for the rest of his life.

John became quite prosperous. At the time of the 1870 census, his farm was worth $10,000; by 1896, he owned 400 acres of farm land. He owned three farms in Wheeler Township, giving one to each of his daughters at the time of her marriage.

John was a Union soldier in the Civil War. In the fall of 1864, he enlisted in Company H, 188th Regiment, N.Y. Volunteers; he served at Hatcher's Run, Five Forks, and Appomattox. After the war, he joined the Avoca G.A.R.

Children:

i. Julia, b. March 19, 1852. She married Dewitt Clinton Bauter, and died of consumption about 1870.

ii. Wilmot, b. December 5, 1853. She married George Stryker; they had a large family, including Deyo of Avoca, Lula Harter of Avoca, Rose Bellinger of Avoca, Maude Marshall of Elmira, Edna Lyke of Avoca, Laverne C., and Clark W. of Avoca.

iii. Permelia, b. July 11, 1855. She married Charles Beal; their children were Arlyn J., Florence Sager of Avoca, Zada Ives of Avoca, and Anna Clark of Avoca. Hazel Geer of Naples, N.Y. is a descendant.

94. MARY ECKLER (Henry I.-29, Henry-8, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). She was born about 1828 at Stark Township. About 1857, she married Henry Moyer, who was born about 1826. It is believed that she died in the county home at Cooperstown, N.Y.

Henry and Mary were living with her brother Levi Eckler in Stark Township at the time of the 1860 census; by 1870, they had moved to the Chyle settlement in Warren Township. Henry's farm was worth $3,000.

Children: (Moyer)

i. Rhoda, b. about 1858.

ii. Viola, b. about 1861. She married Charles France.

iii. Agnes, b. about 1862.

iv. Emma, b. about 1864.
v. Nora, b. about 1867.
vi. John, b. in September, 1869.

95. ELIZABETH SHAUL ECKLER (Henry I.-29, Henry-8, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Elizabeth was born on September 5, 1830, in Stark Township. She married Stephen Dillenbeck, son of Isaac and Nancy (Haus) Dillenbeck, on January 22, 1856. Stephen was born in Stark on March 2, 1830, and died on October 24, 1913. Elizabeth outlived him, dying at Avoca on March 20, 1914. They are buried at Avoca.

In August of 1862, Stephen enlisted in Company I, 161st Regiment, N.Y. Volunteers. After the war, he joined the G.A.R., and was chaplain of the Avoca chapter.

Stephen was a farmer in Wheeler Township, Steuben County, at the time of the 1860 and 1870 censuses. According to a Steuben County history, he raised Jersey cattle there. Stephen and Elizabeth were members of the Avoca and Wheeler Methodist Churches. In 1903, Stephen retired from farming and moved to the town of Avoca.

Children: (Dillenbeck)

i. George Franklin, b. November 22, 1858. He married Josenah Hallenbeck; their children were Paul H. of Canandaigua and Grace Thelma Berlureau.
ii. Rose E., b. June 3, 1860. She married (1) John Henry Putnam, and (2) Walter Pease. She died on May 25, 1928.
iii. Henry I., b. May 16, 1862. He married (1) Alice Welch, and (2) Lizzie Helena Bill. They had several children, including Nora May of China, Laura Wolfganger of Dansville, Fred L. of Rochester, Neal M. of Rochester, Benjamin S. of Interlaken, N.Y., and Henry I.
iv. Bertha J., b. September 7, 1866. She married Rev. Daniel J. Redmond, who was born about 1860, on September 25, 1926. They lived at Avoca. Bertha died in November of 1937.
v. Charles G., b. April 23, 1869. He married Alice ( ); their children were Francis D. Mader of Pittsford, Alta Berlureau of Hammondsport, and Harvey.
vi. John C., b. August 13, 1870. He married Blanche Bates; their children were Ronald of Rockville Center, Long Island, and Raymond H. of Camillus, N.Y. John C. lives in Hornell, N.Y., today. It is believed that he is the last surviving grandchild of Henry I. Eckler.

96. LEVI ECKLER (Henry I.-29, Henry-8, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Levi, the youngest child, was born about 1835. He married Nancy Price about 1857; she was born about 1836. Levi died in Iowa; Nancy died in California.

Levi was living in Stark Township in 1860; by the time of the 1870 census, he had moved out to Wheeler Township, Steuben County. He farmed in Wheeler awhile before moving to Jasper, N.Y., and finally to Iowa.

Children:

i. Ida, b. about 1858. She married a Raymonds.
ii. Ira, b. in April, 1860.
iii. Jennie, b. about 1864. She married Arthur Snyder; their children included Walter, Deo, and Graden, all of Jasper, N.Y.

97. JACOB COUNTRYMAN (Elizabeth (Eckler) Countryman-31, Jacob-9, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Jacob was born on March 25, 1817; he married Nancy Hayes.

Children: (Countryman)

i. Delos, b. October 27, 1839. He married Mrs. Addie Gage, and died in Dallas, Texas, on January 17, 1912. They had no children.
ii. Ira. He enlisted in Company B, 1st Regiment, N.Y. Volunteers, and probably died in the Civil War.
iii. Jerome. He, too, enlisted in Company B, and died of disease during the Civil War.
iv. Romaine. This child had three children -- Jay, Seward, Guy.
v. Rozellen. She married Henry Dunteman of Little Falls; their children were George of Little Falls, Ora, Susan, and Matie.
vi. Bertha. She married W.C. Stewart of Syracuse, and was living in 1925.
vii. Rozetta. The youngest daughter of Jacob married a Carter; she was living in 1925.

98. NICHOLAS COUNTRYMAN (Elizabeth (Eckler) Countryman-31, Jacob-9, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). He was born in Stark Township on October 24, 1825. Nicholas married Louise Talmage Hine, daughter of Hezekiah and Abigail (Talmage) Hine, on April 30, 1848, at Chesire, Connecticut. She was born in Chesire on May 8, 1825. Louise died at New Haven on January 23, 1909; Nicholas died at New Haven a week later, on January 30, 1909. They are probably buried at New Haven.

Children: (Countryman)

i. Franklin, b. September 23, 1849. He married Mary J. Pickett; they had one daughter, Ella May of New Haven and Hartford.
ii. William Arthur, b. July 4, 1852. He married Mary A. Perry; their children were Emeline Hodgson of New Haven and William Arthur Countryman of Hartford.
iii. Charles Lewis, b. January 16, 1855. He married Louisa Josephine Mann; they had one child Irving N. of New Haven.
iv. Edwin, b. December 29, 1857. He married Martha R. Barnett on September 29, 1880; they had no children. He was a carpenter and builder in New Haven.
v. Louisa, b. October 26, 1860. She married Elliott Howell Wright; their children included Sarah Louise Meyer of New York City, Elliott Howell Wright, and Vera Josephine.
vi. Robert Eugene, b. February 18, 1865. He married Lida Richards; their children were Robert Nicholas, Bertha Louise Temple of Cleveland, and Mildred.
vii. Stella Elsie, b. April 20, 1869. She died on March 19, 1870.

99. ASA COUNTRYMAN (Elizabeth (Eckler) Countryman-31, Jacob-9, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Asa, the sixth child of Nicholas Countryman, was born in Stark Township. He married (1) Elizabeth Putnam, and (2) ( ) ( ). He moved to Iowa, and became a Congregational minister. He died in Iowa sometime after 1902.

Children: (by first wife, Countryman)
i. Ella. She married a Pickering, and lived in El Paso, Texas.
(by second wife, Countryman)
ii. Burton.
iii. Carl.

100. PAUL COUNTRYMAN (Elizabeth (Eckler) Countryman-31, Jacob-9, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Paul was born in Stark Township; he married Elizabeth Washburn. He fought in the Civil War. A mason by trade, he died at Fort Plain, N.Y.

Children: (Countryman)
i. Darwin.
ii. Herschel. Apparently, father Paul was interested in science.

101. ELIZABETH COUNTRYMAN (Elizabeth (Eckler) Countryman-31, Jacob-9, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Named for her mother, Elizabeth was born in Stark Township on April 29, 1836. She married P.G. Cummings on February 26, 1866. They moved to a farm near Horton, Iowa, in February of 1867. P.G. Cummings died March 29, 1923; Elizabeth followed him on July 16, 1924.

Children: (Cummings)
i. Alma E. She married John Cunningham and lived in Horton.
ii. Lester N. He married Augusta Buchuster and lived on his father's farm.
iii. Ida May. She married Joseph Alcock and lived in Frederika, Iowa.

102. ABRAM ECKLER (Jacob-32, Jacob-9, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Abram was born on December 14, 1826, in Monroe County. He married (1) Martha J. Thompson on December 30, 1847; she died on March 11, 1850. On January 8, 1852, Abram married (2) Arthalinda York.

Abram was living with his father Jacob in Mendon Township at the time of the 1850 census. He inherited his father's farm and was living on it as late as 1879.

Children: (by first wife)
i. Nelson, b. about 1849.
(by second wife)
ii. Burdett.
iii. Sarah Arabelle.

103. DIANTHA SHAUL (Mary Ann (Fetterly) Shaul-35, Margretha (Eckler) Fetterly-10, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). The third daughter of Richard and Mary Ann Shaul was born in Stark Township on June 22, 1845. She married Loadwick (or Lowell) Springer, son of David Henry and Sally (Ecker) Springer, on January 1, 1867. Loadwick was born in Stark Township on September 17, 1842. He and Diantha died in Stark Township.

Loadwick enlisted in the U.S. Navy in August of 1864; he served on the Texas coast during the Civil War, and was discharged at Brooklyn, N.Y. in June of 1865.

At the time of his marriage, he bought a farm of 80 acres in Stark; by 1893, he owned two farms, each of 200 acres, in Stark Township. In his later years, Loadwick lived in Van Hornesville. Politically a Republican, he served in several township offices. He attended the Universalist Church.

Children: (Springer)
i. Ella R. She married Frank Harris.
ii. Carrie May.
iii. Myrtle.

104. AMELIA SHAUL (Mary Ann (Fetterly) Shaul-35, Margretha (Eckler) Fetterly-10, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). This daughter of Richard Shaul was born in Stark Township on October 8, 1851. She married Frank Springer, son of David Henry and Sally (Ecker) Springer, on December 15, 1869. He was born in Stark on January 26, 1844. Amelia died in Stark Township.

In 1871, Frank bought a farm of 105 acres in Warren Township; by 1893, his farm had 240 acres. Politically, he was a Republican; he served as assessor and auditor for the township.

Children: (Springer)
i. Lena May, b. June 2, 1871. She married a Lathroup and died on January 23, 1893. She is buried in the Van Hornesville Cemetery.
ii. Victor G.
iii. David R.

105. MENZO A. ECKLER (Henry-37, John-12, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). He was born on August 22, 1838; on October 16, 1865, he married Martha A. Pitt.

Children:
i. Rosa, b. March 12, 1869.
ii. Sanford D., b. September 3, 1875.
iii. Alice P., b. September 1, 1877.

106. MARY JANE ECKLER (Thomas-38, John-12, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). She was born December 20, 1844 (gravestone) or December 12, 1844 (family record). On February 4, 1864, she married George Walrath McRorie, son of David and Caroline (Walrath) McRorie; George was born on April 24, 1839. Mary Jane died on November 16, 1898; George outlived her, dying on October 6, 1912. They are buried with both sets of parents in the

Springfield Center Cemetery. George was a farmer on the McRorie homestead in Springfield Township.

Children: (McRorie)

i. Don E., b. May 24, 1867. He died September 7, 1868, and is buried in the Springfield Center Cemetery.

ii. Minnie Caroline, b. August 10, 1868. She married (1) Jay E. Pearson, who was born in 1866 and died in June of 1920. She married (2) Angus Calman, who was born December 21, 1874. Minnie died on November 9, 1935; she and Jay are buried in the Springfield Center Cemetery.

Jay was a farmer in Springfield Township. After she married Angus, she moved to Henderson, N.Y., where he lives today. She had no children by either marriage.

iii. Edith (or Eda), b. August 30, 1870. She married Angus Calman; their children included John William Calman of Norwich, N.Y., Edgar Calman of Henderson, Ray D. Calman, Harold McRorie Calman, and Charles David Calman.

iv. Arthur T., b. May 27, 1873 (family record) or 1877 (gravestone). He married (1) Anna L. Weller, and (2) Laura L. Snyder. He had two children, Meryl Ough of Springfield Center and George McRorie of Eaton, N.Y.

v. Florence B., b. December 8, 1881. She married Myron H. Shaul; their children were Hilda Mary Bowman of Ilion, Harvey George Shaul of Van Hornesville, and Mildred Lillian Smith of Stark Township. Florence lives in Stark with her daughter.

107. MARTHA SPRINGER (Christina (Eckler) Springer-39, John-12, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). She was born on August 1, 1836. She married Madison Vedder, son of Richard and Cornelia Vedder, in October of 1857; Madison was born May 1, 1831, and died January 4, 1911. Martha suffered a stroke at his funeral and died soon afterwards, on January 21, 1911. They are buried in the Vedder family lot in the Springfield Center Cemetery.

Madison was quite prosperous. He and his family lived in Springfield Township; later he moved to Richfield Springs:

Child: (Vedder)

i. Flora, b. November 18, 1861, at Springfield. She died on August 15, 1883, and is buried with her parents.

108. ORANGE ECKLER (John-40, John-12, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). He was born on July 21, 1838. On October 9, 1860, he married Mary E. Bronner.

Children:

i. Emerson, b. May 29, 1862. He married a Wanseau and had one son Howard of Canajoharie.

ii. Victor D., b. August 21, 1871. He had a daughter.

109. MARY ETTA ECKLER (John-40, John-12, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). She was born on February 4, 1845. On December 14, 1864, she married B. F. Barker.

Children: (Barker)
i. Ida H., b. July 7, 1866.
ii. Albert D., b. April 15, 1868.
iii. Oliver B., b. May 18, 1872.
iv. Ettie Way, b. April 18, 1876.

110. LESTER C. ECKLER (John-40, John-12, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Lester was born in Springfield Township on March 1, 1847. He married Julia E. Johnson, daughter of David and Christina (Harder) Johnson, on December 14, 1870. She was born in 1840 and died in 1934; Lester died in 1919. They are buried in the Springfield Center Cemetery.

Lester C. inherited the Captain Henry Eckler homestead at the Chyle from his father, John. He added 60 acres to it, and lived there until March 1, 1886, when he bought the hotel in the village of Warren. He was the owner of this hotel in 1893, according to a Herkimer County history. Lester was a Mason and a Republican; he was the village postmaster in the early 1890s.

Children:
i. John D., b. October 5, 1874, at Springfield. He died at Springfield on October 25, 1875. He has two gravestones -- one in the Chyle Cemetery and one by his parents in the Springfield Center Cemetery.
ii. Ralph J., b. November 16, 1876. He married Florence Ball, and died November 24, 1899. He is buried in the cemetery at Springfield Center. This couple had one son Harland, of Little Falls.

111. ROSA A. ECKLER (John-40, John-12, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). She was born on September 9, 1849. On February 24, 1869, she married Sanford Johnson.

Children: (Johnson)
i. Ora C., b. April 28, 1870.
ii. Grace, b. August 25, 1873.
iii. Lester, b. January 20, 1876.

112. RACHEL SOPHIA DRUSE (Mary Ann (Eckler) Druse-41, John-12, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Rachel was born on April 10, 1846, at Springfield. She married John Johnson, son of David and Christina (Harder) Johnson of Danube, N.Y., on November 28, 1876, at Springfield. John was born on October 9, 1846, at Danube, and died April 30, 1926, at Cherry Valley, N.Y. Rachel died before him, on September 16, 1925, at Cherry Valley. They are buried in the Cherry Valley Cemetery. John was a farmer; they lived at Cherry Valley, N.Y.

Children: (Johnson)
i. Lyman Druse, b. October 16, 1877. He married Myra Alzina

McFee, and they had a son Carl McFee Druse.

ii. Howard Eckler, b. April 27, 1882. He married Myra Daniels Barnum; their children included Elizabeth Rachel Druse, David Barnum Druse, and Richard Sylvester Druse.

iii. Belle, b. September 25, 1884. She died on February 6, 1885, and is buried in the Cherry Valley Cemetery.

iv. Bertie, b. September 25, 1884. She died on September 23, 1885, and is buried in the Cherry Valley Cemetery.

113. JOHN WESLEY DRUSE (Mary Ann (Eckler) Druse-41, John-12, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). He was born on April 3, 1852, at Springfield. He married Alzoa Geywits, daughter pf Isaac John and Caroline (Devoe) Geywits, on October 21, 1874, at Cherry Valley. She was born on May 24, 1852, and died in 1935. John Wesley died twenty years earlier, on March 21, 1914, at Springfield. They are buried at Springfield Center. John inherited his father's Springfield farm; he farmed at the Chyle until his death.

Child: (Druse)

i. Charles Wesley, b. September 16, 1876. He married Lida Amelia Lawyer; they had one daughter, Veda Lorena Stork.

114. WILLIAM HOPKINSON (Anna Maria (Eckler) Hopkinson-43, David-14, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). William, the second son of James and Anna Maria, was born on July 27, 1845. He married Emma Gingman Wiltsee, who died in the spring of 1906. William died near Fort Plain on April 10, 1932. He and his wife are buried at Columbia, N.Y. He was a resident of Columbia.

Children: (Hopkinson)

i. Olen, of Columbia.

ii. Alice. She married a Klock and had two children, Gertrude and Donald.

iii. Mabel, died in 1918.

iv. Ivy, died in 1918.

115. JULIA FULLER (Christina (Eckler) Fuller-45, David-14, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Julia, the only child of Egbert and Christina, was born on May 4, 1845. She married David Hoke, who was born January 2, 1840 and died on October 13, 1907. The marriage took place on April 13, 1863. Julia outlived her husband, dying on August 29, 1932. They are buried in the Fort Plain Cemetery.

Julia was living with her aunt and uncle, Harvey and Sophia Young, in Springfield Township at the time of the 1850 census. She took the name Eckler after her father's early death. David was a farmer in Stark Township.

Children: (Hoke)

i. William, b. June 27, 1864. He married Mary J. Morgan and they had the following children: Muriel, Earl, Floyd, Julia, Ralph, Harold, and Otis.

ii. Eugene, b. August 20, 1866. He married Nora B. Mickle;

they had two children, Reuben and Lelah. Eugene lives in Jordanville today.

iii. Arthur D., b. November 10, 1868. He married Barbara Reese; they had two children, Howard and Blanche. He lives in the village of Starkville.

iv. Mary Belle, b. September 20, 1871. She married Burtis Ackerman. They had one son Raymond, of Jordanville. Burtis and Mary live in Van Hornesville today.

116. LYMAN D. YOUNG (Sophia (Eckler) Young-47, David-14, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Lyman D., the eldest son of Harvey and Sophia, was born at the Chyle in 1852. He married Hattie Devoe, daughter of William and Roxy Ann (Clark) Devoe, in 1872. Hattie was born in Springfield Township in 1849; she died at Warren in September, 1925. Lyman D. died at Warren on January 29, 1936. They are buried in the Springfield Center Cemetery.

Lyman D. was a farmer in the Chyle settlement. In 1892, he moved to the village of Warren, N.Y.

Child: (Young)

i. Lester, b. June 25, 1874. He married Carrie Ball; they had three children: Ruth Ough of Warren, Gordon Young of Dover, Mass., and Helen McConnell of Elmira, N.Y. Lester and Carrie live in Warren today; they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

117. WILLIAM HENRY BARKER (Sarah (Eckler) Barker-49, Benjamin-15, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). William Henry was born on March 16, 1837. He married Clarinda Eckler, daughter of John and Hannah Mariah (Van Denberg) Eckler (see family 40), on February 7, 1860. Clarinda was born on February 24, 1836. They were both living in 1895.

William Henry settled in Pittsford Township, Monroe County, on a 150-acre farm. He built a new house in 1883, and by 1895 was "one of the prosperous and substantial settlers of Pittsford," according to a Monroe County history.

Children: (Barker)

i. Franklin, b. June 4, 1865. In 1895, he was living across the road from his father.

ii. Sarah B. (known as Satie), b. January 6, 1869.

iii. Mary C. (or Marie), b. April 23, 1871.

iv. Lillie M., b. May 12, 1874. She died in 1889.

118. NEWMAN BARKER (Sarah (Eckler) Barker-49, Benjamin-15, Henry-2, Hendrick-1). Newman, son of David and Sarah Barker, was born at Victor, N.Y., on May 1, 1842. He married Caroline Amanda Druse, daughter of Lyman and Mary Ann (Eckler) Druse (see family 41), on May 22, 1867. Caroline was born on October 2, 1848, and was living in 1930; Newman died May 27, 1913, at Rush, N.Y. They are buried at Pittsford, N.Y.

Children: (Barker)

i. John Druse, b. August 29, 1868, at Pittsford. He died at

Pittsford on March 1, 1902, and is buried there.

ii. Dora C., b. September 10, 1870, at Pittsford. She married Alvin Fowler Nye, son of Alvin E. and Elizabeth (Fowler) Nye, on March 29, 1892, at Pittsford. Born November 23, 1869, he was a superintendent of the American Roll Screen Company, Rochester, in 1930.

iii. Ella C., b. January 27, 1872.

iv. Mary B., b. April 27, 1874. She married Edwin Thornell on February 25, 1897; their children were Anita, Leland, and Marion.

v. Charles N., b. January 16, 1876.

vi. George Edward, b. February 11, 1878.

vii. Florence, b. July 11, 1880, at Pittsford. She married George A. Jackson, son of William and Sarah (Cooper) Jackson, at Rochester on October 8, 1919. He was born at Rush in 1882.

viii. Clarence Eugene, b. December 19, 1882. He married Olive Evans and had children Clarence, Evans, Ruth, and Florence.

119. DANIEL A. YOUNG (Elizabeth (Eckler) Young-55, Christian-17, John-5, Hendrick-1). He was born on June 23, 1845. On December 7, 1870, he married Nancy Catharine Smith; she was born September 26, 1849. Daniel died on June 2, 1909; Nancy outlived him, dying on July 24, 1931. They are buried in the Springfield Center Cemetery.

Children: (Young)

i. Jennie Ethel, b. December 30, 1871. She married Dorr R. Marshall; they had two children, Guy and Fenton R.

ii. Eugene, b. March 21, 1875. He died on October 10, 1884, and is buried with his parents.

iii. Euphemia A., b. January 18, 1874. She married Calvin Zelora Galusha; their children were Calvin Zelora Galusha and Nellie Jane Andorn.

iv. Fred M., b. August 1, 1877. He married Maude Willsey; they had a family of fifteen, all of whom lived to maturity: Irene Elda Lambert, Dorr Marshall Young, Ethel Nancie Mowrey, Roselle Daniel Young, Edwin Fred Young, Grace Maude Sliter, Hilda Edna Maring, Cola David Young, Alva Ivan Young, Marion Agnes Benton, Elsie Harriette Scott, Harold Eldred Young, Hazel Evelyn Campione, Helen Eleanor Mosher, and Virginia Marjorie Grainer.

v. Alva E., b. June 29, 1884. He died on February 9, 1893, and is buried with his parents.

120. RICHARD ECKLER (Allen-57, Peter-19, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Richard was born on June 17, 1863, at Van Hornesville. After his first wife died at Van Hornesville, Richard married Jennie Weaver on March 11, 1896, at Richfield Springs, N.Y. Richard was struck by an automobile near Schuyler, N.Y., and died of injuries five days later, on November 19, 1937.

Richard Eckler was a farmer near Van Hornesville for almost thirty years. In 1909, he moved to the village of Herkimer and became a teamster for the Standard Furniture Company. He was a member of the Uni-

versalist Church of Van Hornesville.

Children:

i. Harry. He lived in West Schuyler, N.Y., and had children Shirley and Edwin.

ii. Clarence. He lived in Glens Falls, N.Y., and had children Jean and Caryl.

iii. Daughter (probably Alfa). She married Claude Ellis and lived at Mohawk. Her children were Robert and Elizabeth.

121. ADELADE ECKLER (Levi-58, Peter-19, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Adelade, the only child of Levi and Margaret, was born at Allen's Lake on April 19, 1854. Known as "Addie," she married William Cullen Crain of Jordanville about 1872. He left her about 1876. She died on June 12, 1949, at the advanced age of ninety-five. She is buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Richfield Springs.

A pianist, Adelade studied under several well-known teachers; she lived in Richfield Springs all her life. At the time of her death, Addie was probably the oldest living descendant of Hendrick Eckler.

Child: (Crain)

i. Alfred Rufus, b. December 10, 1873. He married (1) Josephine Stone, of Patterson, New Jersey, on December 29, 1902; they are now divorced. He married (2) Agnes Caney; she was born July 26, 1891, and died on January 29, 1944.

Alfred was a "song and dance" man with Deming's Minstrels and Bill Watson's Burlesque. Later, he was an automobile salesman and mechanic. He works today in a Richfield Springs hotel.

He and Josephine had one child, Stanley Porter, who was born November 3, 1903, and died in an airplane accident in 1931.

122. HELEN ECKLER (Peter-59, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). She was born at Avon on June 25, 1843. She married Steven Swartout on April 10, 1866.

Children: (Swartout)

i. William Peter, b. January 27, 1874.

ii. Phoebe, b. September 22, 1875, in Michigan.

123. SOPHRONIA ECKLER (Peter-59, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). She was born at Avon on August 30, 1847. On January 6, 1867, she married Andrew Cochrane. She died in Arlington Township, Michigan.

Children: (Cochrane)

i. Myron, b. October 10, 1867, at Arlington.

ii. Fanny, b. March 6, 1879.

124. MARY JANE ECKLER (Thomas-60, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). She was born at Minden, N.Y., on October 5, 1837. On October 11, 1855, she married John Gribben.

Children: (Gribben)

i. Frank, b. December 19, 1856, at Carlton, N.Y. He married Libbie Whitney on January 1, 1879; she died on September 5, 1879.
ii. Mary Rosella, b. December 22, 1858, at Yates, N.Y. She died at Yates on November 24, 1864.
iii. Thomas E., b. May 10, 1861.
iv. Julia Ann, b. November 17, 1865, at Somerset, N.Y.
v. Alice May, b. December 4, 1869, at Somerset, N.Y.

125. GEORGE ECKLER (Thomas-60, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). He was born at Minden, N.Y., on January 7, 1842. A minister by occupation, he married Betsy Gilden on December 18, 1861.

Child:

i. Susie May, b. December 4, 1869, at Carlton, N.Y.

126. HARRISON ECKLER (Thomas-60, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Harrison was born at Minden, N.Y. on November 10, 1843. He married Julia Broadwell on September 27, 1861.

Children:

i. Mattie Belle, b. January 19, 1868.
ii. Thomas Madison, b. August 5, 1870, at Carlton.
iii. Willis Gardner, b. January 27, 1872, at Carlton.
iv. Julia Elizabeth, b. November 18, 1874, at Carlton.
v. John J., b. August 27, 1876.
vi. Noah Delos, b. September 7, 1880. He died at Carlton on February 7, 1880.

127. ANDERSON BRONNER (Mary Ann (Eckler) Bronner-61, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). He was born at Stark on January 24, 1838. He married Betsy Ann Fikes, daughter of Michael J. and Mary (Shaul) Fikes; she was born on February 3, 1840.

Children: (Bronner)

i. Michael J., b. 1861.
ii. Libbie, b. 1863.
iii. Dighton, b. 1865.
iv. Jean, b. 1867.
v. Ida, b. 1870.
vi. Clark, b. 1873.
vii. Emily, b. 1875.

128. LOVINA BRONNER (Mary Ann (Eckler) Bronner-61, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). She was born in Stark on September 22, 1840. On August 16, 1863, she married Oscar C. Brown.

Children: (Brown)

i. Myron, b. July 18, 1864.
ii. Horatio, b. March 20, 1866.
iii. Minnie, b. February 20, 1868.

iv. Lillie, b. April 23, 1870.
v. May, b. September 5, 1878.

129. JOEL DEHAVEN (Christiana (Eckler) DeHaven-62, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). He was born at Avon, N.Y. on December 7, 1837. A soldier in the Civil War, he married Mahala Peck on November 11, 1860.

Children: (DeHaven)
i. Tennice, b. June 1, 1864, at Arlington, Michigan.
ii. Mary Jane, b. May 10, 1866, at Arlington.
iii. Katie, b. June 3, 1869, at Arlington.
iv. Birdie, b. September 25, 1872, at Big Prairie, Michigan.

130. CHRISTIANA DEHAVEN (Christiana (Eckler) DeHaven-62, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Named for her mother, she was born at Avon on July 6, 1839. She married Miles Monroe on September 23, 1858, and died at Arlington on February 10, 1896.

Children: (Monroe)
i. Samuel, b. October 15, 1860. He married Ella Monroe; their children were Stanley Monroe of Los Angeles and Bernice.
ii. Katie, b. May 24, 1867. She married Charles Palmer; their children were Clare Palmer and Vera Palmer.

131. JOHN E. DEHAVEN (Christiana (Eckler) DeHaven-62, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). He was born at Novi, Michigan, on May 29, 1843. He married Maria Dyckman on April 25, 1869. She died at Arlington in 1916; he died at Bangor, Michigan, in 1924. They are buried in the cemetery at Arlington.

Children: (DeHaven)
i. Hattie, b. February 6, 1870. She married Russell M. Chase; their children were Olin and Valda Chase.
ii. Mona, b. November 12, 1872. She married Charles Schermerhorn; their children were Charles, Beulah, and Margarite. Mona is still living.
iii. Charles, b. September 24, 1878. He married Ola Goss, and is still living. Their children were Dorothy DeHaven and Bernadine DeHaven.

132. FLORA DEHAVEN (Christiana (Eckler) DeHaven-62, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Flora was born at Novi, Michigan, on April 5, 1845. She married (1) Henry Benton, on February 15, 1860. Henry died at Bangor on January 10, 1872; he was accidentally killed by a falling tree. Flora married (2) William Clarke Stone, on February 15, 1879. Flora died at Muskegon, Michigan, on October 29, 1918. She is buried in the Oakwood Cemetery.

Children: (by first husband, Benton)
i. Ausley A., b. January 29, 1861, at Geneva, Michigan. He died at Crookston, Minnesota, on March 5, 1885.

ii. Charles Solomon, b. October 1, 1862. He married Mary McKanzie; their children were Frank, Leslie, Rodney, Mildred, David.

iii. Blanche, b. October 31, 1867. She married William S. Heller; their children were Wilson Battin Heller of Los Angeles and Benton McAlvin Heller of Detroit. Very interested in genealogy, she supplied the author with the descendants of John Eckler (family 21). She lives in Hollywood, California today.

iv. Leroy, b. December 12, 1871, at Chippewaw Falls, Wisconsin. He died at Bangor, Michigan, in 1891.

(by second husband, Stone)

v. Pearl, b. February 18, 1884. She married H.R. Johnson, and is living today. Her children were Evelyn Murphy of Grosse Point, Michigan, William Clark Johnson, and Marion Blanche Cowan of Muskegon, Michigan.

133. MALINDA DEHAVEN (Christiana (Eckler) DeHaven-62, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Malinda was born at Novi, Michigan on October 24, 1847. She married James Washburn on February 8, 1863.

Children: (Washburn)

i. Florence, b. February 5, 1864, at Arlington.

ii. Jennie, b. November 7, 1866, at Arlington.

iii. Nellie E., b. September 25, 1868, at Arlington.

iv. William, b. September 26, 1870.

v. Addie, b. July 3, 1873, at Arlington.

vi. John B., b. February 4, 1875.

vii. Minnie M., b. January 10, 1878. She died at Arlington on January 18, 1881.

viii. Lily, b. December 15, 1880.

ix. Levi, b. 1883. He was a college graduate, and became a prominent attorney in Detroit. He died in 1922, and is buried in the Arlington Cemetery at Bangor, Michigan.

134. LEVI DEHAVEN (Christiana (Eckler) DeHaven-62, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). He was born at Lyons, Michigan on August 6, 1852. On October 20, 1878, he married Flora Dage; she was born in 1859 and died in 1934. Levi held various county offices and was a successful businessman. He was also a farmer and a Mason (joined in 1874). He died at Bangor in 1935; he and his wife are buried in the Arlington Cemetery.

Children: (DeHaven):

i. Clarence E., b. 1887. He married Bessie ( ), and died in 1934 at Arlington.

ii. Carmen, b. 1883. He died in 1918.

iii. Leslie. He died in 1919. These three children left six grandchildren to Levi.

135. LILLIAN DEHAVEN (Christiana (Eckler) DeHaven-62, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Lillian was born at Arlington on July 7, 1861. She married Leslie Scott on February 1, 1881; Leslie was born in 1840 and died at Bangor in 1927. She died at Arlington on November 29, 1945.

Children: (Scott)

i. Leslie, b. August 3, 1893. He was a Second Lieutenant in World War I.
ii. Forrest, b. 1894; he served in World War I.
iii. Arthur, b. 1897; he served in World War I.
iv. Frances. She married a Cole.
v. Kathleen. She married a Newton.

136. CAROLINE BIGELOW (Margaret (Eckler) Bigelow-63, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). She was born at Avon on October 18, 1840. On December 31, 1858, she married David Mackey.

Children: (Mackey)

i. George, b. June 7, 1860. He died at Arlington on August 16, 1879.
ii. Mattie, b. April 27, 1864, at Arlington.

137. JULIA BIGELOW (Margaret (Eckler) Bigelow-63, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). She was born at Avon on January 1, 1843. On October 9, 1860, she married Charles Bridges.

Children: (Bridges)

i. Minnie, b. September 6, 1863, at Arlington.
ii. Inez, b. September 20, 1866, at Lawrence, Michigan.

138. WILLIAM BIGELOW (Margaret (Eckler) Bigelow-63, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). He was born at Hartland, N.Y. on May 15, 1846. On April 28, 1865, he married Lydia Carr.

Children: (Bigelow)

i. Byron, b. August 14, 1867, at Arlington.
ii. Willis, b. August 31, 1873, at Arlington.
iii. Frank, b. January 22, 1876, at Arlington.
iv. Millie, b. July 19, 1878, at Arlington.

139. JAMES BIGELOW (Margaret (Eckler) Bigelow-63, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). James was born at Breedsville, Michigan, on August 15, 1847. He married Helen Dorhity on March 1, 1870.

Children: (Bigelow)

i. Charles, b. January 1, 1871, at Bangor. He died on September 18, 1873.
ii. Maggie, b. October 10, 1873, at Arlington.

140. J( ) C( ) WHITEMAN (Sophronia (Eckler) Whiteman-64, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). He was born in Livingston County, Michigan, on December 3, 1850. On October 27, 1872, he married Anna Bridges.

Children: (Whiteman)

i. Dora, b. July 30, 1873, at Arlington.
ii. Lloyd, b. January 15, 1875, at Arlington.

141. JOHN ANDREW MEABON (Lucinda (Eckler) Meabon-65, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). John was born at Arlington on December 15, 1848. He married Emma J. Horton on May 15, 1870.

Children: (Meabon)
i. George William, b. April 25, 1871.
ii. Halsie, b. May 15, 1873, at Arlington.

142. MARTHA LUCINDA MEABON (Lucinda (Eckler) Meabon-65, John-21, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). She was born at Arlington on August 29, 1857. On October 1, 1878, she married H.D. Harvey.

Child: (Harvey)
i. Florence May, b. May 15, 1880.

143. ROSELTHA ECKLER (William-69, Henry-22, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Roseltha, daughter of William and Susan Eckler, was born about 1851. She married P( ) C( ) Blackmer, son of Luke and Huldah Blackmer of Illinois, on July 4, 1871. He was born in Enfield, Mass., in 1848.

In 1861, P.C. Blackmer enlisted at Springfield, Mass., in Company I, 27th Regiment, Mass. Volunteers. He participated in a number of battles, and was honorably discharged at the end of the war.

He moved from his parents' home in Illinois in 1871 and settled in Clay Township, Jones County, Iowa. According to a county history, he was "extensively engaged in farming, and a man of much enterprise." He was a Republican and a member of the Free-will Baptist Church.

Children: (Blackmer)
i. William E.
ii. Alice J.
iii. Charles L.

144. ISAIAH ECKLER (Jeremiah-70, Henry-22, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). He was born on November 10, 1847. He married Lillian Mae Congdon, and died of old age in Minden Township, Montgomery County, N.Y., about 1930. He is buried in the cemetery at Springfield Center.

Isaiah was a farmer. In 1893, he lived at Mohawk, according to a Herkimer County history; he farmed in Danube Township for many years.

Child:
i. Harvey.

145. WILLIAM ECKLER (Jeremiah-70, Henry-22, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). William was born in 1854. He married Isabel Stansel, who was born in 1864 and died in 1942. William preceded her, dying in 1932. They are buried next to his parents in the Springfield Center Cemetery. Known as "Will Eckler," William was a farmer in the Chyle settlement.

Children:

i. Ivan J.
ii. Arthur.
iii. Ruth. She married Robert A. Miller of Fort Plain.
iv. Lula. She married John Prime.
v. Lena. She married a Rathbun.

146. HARVEY ECKLER (Jeremiah-70, Henry-22, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). Harvey was born about September, 1859. On October 18, 1882, he married Cora E. Dingman; she was born in 1862. Harvey died in 1939, and is buried in the Springfield Center Cemetery. He lived at the Chyle.

Child:

i. Leslie. He married and had one son Harold of Jordanville.

147. WILLIAM PALMER ECKLER (Henry-71, Henry-22, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). William was born on January 3, 1865. He married Mable McCullough; she was born July 21, 1869. She died on December 14, 1916; William outlived her, dying on March 12, 1943. They are buried in the cemetery at Fort Plain, N.Y. William was a machine operator and lived in Little Falls.

Child:

i. William Henry, b. June 11, 1891. He married Alice Diefendorf; they had two children, Emily Desmond of Little Falls and Fay Palmer Eckler of Mohawk.

148. WILLIAM CLARENCE ECKLER (Nelson-72, Benjamin-23, Peter-6, Hendrick-1). William was born on October 19, 1855. He married Vilettie Wedderspoon, daughter of George and Catharine (Van Horne) Wedderspoon, on November 15, 1876. She was born at Hartwick, N.Y., on March 31, 1855, and died at Cooperstown.

Children:

i. George N., b. August 28, 1877.
ii. Leon J., b. June 16, 1879, at Middlefield. He married Nellie May Short on December 4, 1901.

149. HENRY PHILO ACKLER (Philip J.-78, Jacob-25, Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). Henry was born on July 8, 1855. On July 1, 1874, he married Mary Manning, who was born October 4, 1841. Mary died in 1924; Henry was living in 1941.

Children:

i. Elizabeth, b. May 17, 1875.
ii. Gertrude, b. September 11, 1876.
iii. Ralph, b. September 5, 1878. He married Stella Weaver on September 24, 1901; she was born August 22, 1876. They had two children, Alta Mary Paine of Johnstown, N.Y., and Harper Earl Ackler. Alta Mary is a genealogist and is interested in the Ackler family history.

150. MARY M. HAMER (Nancy Catherine (Ackler) Hamer-87, Leonard-28, Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). Mary M. was born on August 25, 1862; she married Frank Blodgett in 1880, and died on October 25, 1925.

Children: (Blodgett)

i. Allan Ward, b. November 3, 1882. He married Rozella Nemier on March 31, 1912, and died on April 4, 1919. They had one daughter Bessie of Frankfort, N.Y.

ii. Bessie, b. about 1891. She died in 1905.

iii. Edward, b. October 12, 1900.

151. THOMAS WARD HAMER (Nancy Catherine (Ackler) Hamer-87, Leonard-28, Leonard-7, Hendrick-1). Thomas was born at Lacona, N.Y. on October 16, 1877. He married Mabel Pruyn on March 1, 1899. She was born on December 15, 1879, at Sandy Creek, N.Y., and died on July 14, 1946.

Children: (Hamer)

i. Nannette, b. March 18, 1906, at Lacona. She is unmarried and lives in Lacona today.

ii. Kathryn Arlene, b. February 17, 1907. She married Raymond Widrig and had two sons, Raymond Victor and Norman Harwood.

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E R R A T A

1. Page 2, family 1:
Add at the end of the biography of Christopher Eckler, the fourth child of Hendrick and Margaret Eckler, the following:
"This is one of the earliest records of the Eckler family in the Mohawk Valley. Christopher died on May 5, 1746."

2. Page 56, family 112:
Substitute "Johnson" for "Druse" in the following names at the top of the page: Carl McFee Druse, Elizabeth Rachel Druse, David Barnum Druse, Richard Sylvester Druse.

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UNPLACED ECKLER FAMILIES

1. PETER C. ECKLER. Peter was born on April 8, 1777. On March 9, 1816, he married Hannah Brown; she was born October 21, 1793 and died on March 19, 1876. Peter preceded her, dying on July 26, 1865. It is believed that this couple is buried at Dennison's Corners, N.Y.

At the time of the 1850 census, Peter C. was a farmer living in German Flats Township, Herkimer County.

There are two facts which suggest that Peter C. Eckler is the son of Christopher Eckler (family 4). First, Peter C. entered into three land transactions with the Christopher branch of the family: one in 1815 with Christopher, Jr.(family 16), one in 1829 with Christopher, Jr., and one in 1839 with Christopher (family 4). These deeds, all involving land in Warren Township, are on file at Herkimer, N.Y. Second, all that is known about Christopher's son Peter is that he married in 1808 and his wife died in 1810 (see family 4 for details). The biography of Peter C. Eckler fits in with these facts; an earlier marriage would explain why Peter C. did not marry Hannah until the age of thirty-nine.

Children:

2. i. Marinda, b. January 28, 1818.
3. ii. Noah, b. about 1819.
iii. Alonzo, b. about 1822. He married Angeline ( ). His will, written on February 26, 1885 and probated on April 13, 1885, is now on file at Herkimer.
iv. Leroy, b. about 1824.
v. Jane, b. about 1826. She married Timothy Getman; they had no children.
vi. Andrew, b. about 1834.

2. MARINDA ECKLER (Peter C.-1). Marinda, the eldest child of Peter, was born on January 28, 1818. She married Lorenzo Dow Murgittroyd on February 26, 1843. He was born on December 20, 1817, and died on February 11, 1898. She outlived him, dying on September 28, 1906.

Children: (Murgittroyd)

i. Smith N., b. February 13, 1844. He married, and had one daughter Cora who married Clinton D. Cash. Smith died on January 21, 1932.
ii. Louisa Jane, b. May 7, 1846. She married Elmer Benedict; they had no children. She died on November 23, 1917.
4. iii. Menzo C., b. November 23, 1848.

3. NOAH ECKLER (Peter C.-1). Noah, the eldest son of Peter, was born about 1819. He married Matilda ( ), who was born about 1818. At the time of the 1850 and 1870 censuses, Noah was a farmer in German Flats Township. Noah's will, dated August 8, 1896, was probated on June 9, 1902. It is on file at Herkimer.

Children:

5. i. Leroy, b. about 1846.
   ii. Maria M., b. about 1851.

4. MENZO C. MURGITTROYD (Marinda (Eckler) Murgittroyd-2, Peter C.-1). Menzo C. was born on November 23, 1848, the youngest child of Lorenzo and Marinda. On October 6, 1874, he married Jane Cassen Judson; she was born on September 8, 1855, and died on March 8, 1917. Menzo preceded her, dying on September 15, 1916.

Child: (Murgittroyd)

i. Stella Judson, b. July 13, 1877. She married Ralph Allen Wilcox on June 12, 1919. A doctor, he was born on March 23, 1874, and died on December 7, 1937.

5. LEROY ECKLER (Noah-3, Peter C.-1). Leroy was born about 1846. He married Florence Barker, who was born on February 13, 1856 and died on March 4, 1931. Florence's will, dated March 14, 1925, is on file at Herkimer, N.Y.

Children:

i. Myra. She married a Beebe, and was dead in 1925.
6. ii. Ethol, b. October 2, 1880.

6. ETHOL ECKLER (Leroy-5, Noah-3, Peter C.-1). The younger daughter of Leroy Eckler was born on October 2, 1880. She married Frederick W. Hoefler on September 12, 1905. Frederick was born on August 10, 1879, and died on February 15, 1938. Ethol outlived him, dying on September 11, 1945.

Children: (Hoefler)

i. Virginia Adeline, b. July 23, 1909. She married (1) George A. Betts, on September 12, 1929; they had three children, George Ira, Valerie, and Burton Frederick. Virginia married (2) Dwight C. Key, Jr., on February 20, 1943. He was born on January 13, 1917; a First Lieutenant in the Army, he was killed in action on January 12, 1945.
ii. Frederick Wilson, b. February 20, 1919.

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AUGUSTUS ECKLER. Augustus was born about 1719, in Germany. On May 1, 1758, he enlisted in the Queens County milita under Petrus Stuyvesant. He was five feet, six inches tall, had a "dark" complexion, and was a tailor by trade. On March 29, 1759, he re-enlisted in the Queens County milita under Daniel Wright. He gave his occupation as laborer.

Augustus was naturalized on September 11, 1761; his name is recorded in Volume 4 of "Colonial Laws." His name also appears in Volume 5; according to this entry, he was naturalized on January 27, 1770.

As almost nothing is known about Augustus, it is impossible to place him in the Eckler family. If he is any relation to the Eckler family of the Mohawk Valley, he is probably a brother of Hendrick (family 1). It is more likely that he is a member of the Green County Ecklers; however, this is also conjecture.

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HENRY ECKLER. He married Anna ( ) and had the following children:

i. Christina, b. December 16, 1804, sponsors Henrich and Christina Eckler.
ii. Margretha, b. May 14, 1807, sponsors Johannes and Margretha Eckler.
iii. Sally, b. June 10, 1810, sponsors Johannes H. Eckler and Sophia.
iv. William, b. October 29, 1812, sponsors parents.

Henry may be the son of John Eckler (family 5).

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CHRISTIAN ECKLER. He married Margretha ( ); they had a child Maria Meynert, born on March 6, 1800, sponsors Jacob Meynert and Maria Meynert.

JACOB ECKLER. He married Anna ( ); they had a daughter Maria, born November 24, 1822, sponsors parents.

MARY ECKLER. She married Christian Shaul; they had a daughter Catharine, born November 20, 1819.

JACOB ECKLER. He married Catharine ( ); they had a son Philo, born April 20, 1820, sponsors John A. Eckler and Margaret Billing.

JACOB ECKLER. He married Hannah ( ); they had a daughter Betsey Ann, born April 15, 1821, sponsors parents.

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